

# THE DAFFODIL BULLETIN

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## THE 1957 CONVENTION

Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio - - April 26, 27 and 28

Program details and Reservation Forms; also information pertaining to the Daffodil Show and Judging School will be mailed direct to the ADS membership by Dr. Raymond C. Allen who will be our host at Kingwood Center.

A special feature of the meeting will be the extensive display of thousands of daffodils naturalized in the woods and around the grounds of Kingwood Center. As a special honor to the American Daffodil Society, hybridizers and introducers of daffodils from Ireland, England, Holland, and the United States, have sent in collections of their best varieties - many of which are very new. These have been planted in a special garden (the first ADS National Test Garden) and the varieties from individual growers are grouped together and each is labeled with the name, type and classification number. There are 450 varieties in this collection, and they are expected to be at their height of bloom at the time of the meeting.

The Daffodil Show will be another special attraction. While there will be a number of exhibits by leading daffodil producers, most of the show will comprise competitive entries from amateur gardeners. Everyone is invited to exhibit. There will be classes in horticultural specimens for everyone. There will also be a large section of arrangements staged on special invitation by the leading flower arrangers in Ohio.

The unique and interesting function of Kingwood Center was described in the Winter Bulletin. The gardens, art exhibitions, lectures and other cultural subjects make it a friendly place to visit.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

FAR WEST "The Southern California portion of the Far West has never been organized for specialized daffodil growing, and few people know and grow more than a few varieties, (King Alfred mostly). Yet nearly every yard boasts huge clumps of narcissus; paper whites, soleil d'or and Chinese lilies which start blooming in late October and keep blooming throughout the winter.

"Upon searching the literature on daffodil growing in this region and talking with the old timers, I find that the opinion is that a great many daffodils won't do well here at all in our mild, wet winters. We hope to discover by study and trial and error, those that will perform well in this semi-tropical climate.

"The first thing then, is to gather together in one place as many varieties of daffodils as we can, for evaluation and trial. The second thing is to let the public see them in a natural setting, labelled of course.

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"With that in mind we have recently planted a test garden in the Los Angeles County Arboretum, which was formerly the fabulous Lucky Baldwin Rancho of early California history. They have restored the historical buildings on this ranch and are planting the grounds with rare plant material from all over the world. This year they opened up the educational area to specialized groups and societies for test and display gardens. We were preceded by the Herb Society, Iris Society and Hemerocallis group, and soon the Bromeliad Soc., Bulb Soc. and Begonia Soc. will follow us with their plots. We feel fortunate to be able to get in on the ground floor of this beautiful and tremendous undertaking; which will some day be one of the finest arboretums in the world.

"The setting for our daffodil planting is a 100 x 30 foot strip on the north slope of a lightly wooded hill, studded with azaleas. Sixty-three varieties of daffodils, 6 to 12 bulbs of each, were donated by Jan de Graaff, Neil Campbell, Les Hannibal and myself for this initial planting, and we expect to add to it each year. All ten divisions are represented and are roughly grouped onto three levels; Species and hybrids and doubles on the lowest portion next to the path. Large cups and small cups, Divisions 2 and 3, make up the large center portion and Division 1, trumpets, across the top. Each clump is clearly labelled with name and RHS Classification number.

"We are planning our first competitive daffodil show and are waiting to hear from other parts of our Far West Region about shows to be held in their sections."

(signed) Mrs. Kenneth B. Anderson  
Regional Vice-President

SOUTHERN REGION Mrs. Robert L. Hovis, Regional Vice-President, sent us the following report:  
"With only 39 members in an area from the Mississippi River to the Allegheny foothills, from the Kentucky line to the Gulf, covering the states of Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, I hardly knew where to begin. But start I did by asking questions from a friend in the American Iris Society. I decided to try to increase interest at points where daffodil growing and showing were already established.

"I found that at Hot Springs there was a very active group. They had a large show last year and have organized a club. I understand a Round Robin Letter for the state is in circulation. They are not having a show this year but are working for a bigger and better one in the future.

"At Clarksdale, Mississippi, for several years - under the leadership of the Home Demonstration Agent - large shows have been held. The Clarksdale Garden Club, the Coahoma Woman's Club and other groups sponsor this show. Last year, for the first time a silver bowl, the Edna Spraggins Memorial Cup, was given for the most outstanding exhibit in the show. They too are planning a better and bigger show this spring.

"In Marks, Mississippi, the garden clubs of the county had an outstanding show last year and are planning another for this year. This show won both a state and national award. Holly Springs, Miss. and Fort Smith, Ark. also have active daffodil groups.

"Last spring I attended a show staged by the clubs of Florence, Tusculumbia and Sheffield, Alabama, in the latter town. It was a most creditable showing and plans are well under way for their 1957 show. Meeting the personnel there was a real joy.

"I have not been able to get in touch with an area in Louisiana which is actively interested in growing daffodils. I know that I shall, and look forward to knowing and working with the ladies there.

"Here in Memphis, the Council of Garden Clubs had a daffodil show as far back as 1935-36. We grew few named varieties then and knew almost nothing about the fine points of classification, but we had an interesting show. For a time interest lagged, members were doing other things, then we began to have shows again at the Memphis Museum. Our knowledge of varieties and staging has grown. This spring, at the Museum, we have planned exhibits each weekend during the blooming season. We hope to get growers to show their choicest specimens and also develop imaginative ways of exhibiting.

"Since my personal contacts with daffodil growers outside my own area are limited, I hope that every member who reads this will appoint himself a committee of one to encourage growers of daffodils in his vicinity and also to join the A.D.S. Please write me about the activities in your town. I shall be happy to hear from you and be of any assistance I can."

NORTHEAST Mrs. John B. Capen, Regional V.P., reports from Boonton, N.J.:- "May I first welcome to the northeast region the 34 new members who have joined this year and assure those who have not as yet been reached personally that we are eager for their help and opinions as to how to spread daffodil knowledge and enthusiasm here.

"As we are still a widely scattered membership, having no organized local groups as yet, your directors and Vice President look to each of you to enlist as members your daffodil-growing friends and to let us know about your own flowers and special interests and to come forward with your ideas of what the society can do to promote daffodil enthusiasm in this garden conscious area.

"Our new director, Mrs. Edward J. Storey, 370 Orienta Ave., Mamaroneck, has assumed chairmanship for New York; Mrs. L. S. Crosby, Towaco, is chairman for New Jersey. So do let them know - - are you interested in testing, planning a regional symposium, promoting hybridizing, do you know a group that would be interested to form a local society or plan a show or tour, do you like to write, or would you assume some of the organizational responsibilities? So let us know - - we don't pretend to know of all the daffodil interest in this region, but we think our members do - - so let's seek it out and make it known.

"Our first regional project will be the first all-daffodil show in New Jersey which will be held in the club rooms of the new Altman's in Short Hills May 3rd and 4th, under the chairmanship of our director, Mrs. J. Whitton Gibson of South Orange. Several New Jersey clubs have been promoting daffodil growing in their communities; others have hence been surprised at the quantity of daffs appearing at their spring shows. Combining these groups under the leadership of the ADS, we expect will help both the gardeners and future show committees. We hope ADS members not only from New Jersey but from neighboring states will swamp us with exhibits. Schedules may be obtained from Mrs. Francis MacMillan, 101 Snyder Rd., Ramsey, N. J.

"On April 15th at Trenton will be held Course 1 of the Daffodil Judges School. This course, open to all, will be a full day devoted to basic study of the daffodil - recognizing-growing-evaluating-showing. It will be held under the auspices of the Garden Club of New Jersey as the second course in their horticultural series but has been planned in cooperation with the ADS Committee on Schools, and ADS members passing the exam will receive credit toward their ADS judging certificate. I hope many of you will come. If you have seen recent spring shows in this region, you will realize how rapidly the interest in daffodils is growing and how badly we need a group of qualified committee members and judges to handle them.

"While awaiting your own burst of bloom, I hope you will go to enjoy the foretaste of spring at the Bronx Botanical Garden. There will be thousands of forced blooms on display there and later their magnificent rock garden features many specie daffodils, while the surrounding hillsides come alive with millions of our favorite flower. Across the front of the main greenhouse will be a special planting of varieties well worth your study. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at Short Hills May 3rd and 4th.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC Official Daffodil Judging School. Course 1 of a proposed series of 3 will be held in Baltimore on Tuesday, April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. sharp until 4 o'clock. The place is St. David's Episcopal Church, northwest corner of Rowland Ave. and Oakdale Rd. (Use Oakdale Rd. entrance.) Please send \$3 Registration Fee to Mrs. Lawrence R. Wharton (Regional Vice-President and Chairman of the School), 4504 Rowland Ave., Baltimore 10, Maryland.

#### DAFFODIL EXHIBITS - 1957

SHOWS (Note: February and March Shows are listed in the Winter Bulletin. Please submit this information early in January or, preferably, sooner.)

#### CONNECTICUT

May 1-2 Ten cooperating clubs present the Second Annual Connecticut Daffodil Show. Putnam Trust Company Drive-In Office, 10 Mason St., Greenwich.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 6-7 Washington Daffodil Society and 18 cooperating clubs present their Eighth Annual Show. Woodward & Lothrop Chevy Chase store Auditorium, Western & Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Md. 1,000 entries expected.

#### ILLINOIS

April 12 Garden Study Club, Eldorado. Write Mrs. Clyde Cox, 2330 Illinois Ave., for details.

#### INDIANA

April 12 Indiana Daffodil Society presents its first show. Mrs. W. L. McCoy, 807 Lesley Ave., Indianapolis can furnish more information.  
20-21 Madison County Narcissus Club. Contact Mrs. Joseph Feder, 1509 Costello St., Anderson, for location.  
20 Henry County Narcissus Club. Mrs. Elmer Kidd, 2201 Cherrywood Ave., New Castle, can give details.

#### KANSAS

April 9 Topeka Daffodil Club. Mrs. Roy S. Dyer, Jr., President, will furnish details. Her address is 928 Frazier Ave., Topeka.

#### KENTUCKY

April 2 Beechmont Garden Club: Iroquois Library, 6th & Woodlawn Ave., Louisville.  
6 Nelson County Homemakers Garden Club. Contact Mrs. Pem Whitesides, Cox's Creek, for details.

#### MARYLAND

April 16-17 Maryland Daffodil Society. This is a major show, presented annually in The Baltimore Museum of Art.

SHOWS

MARYLAND (continued)

- April 12 Howard County Garden Club. Get details from Mrs. Lloyd G. Taylor, Patapsco Heights, Ellicott City.
- 24 Maryland Federation of Garden Clubs. Calvary Methodist Church, Frederick.

MASSACHUSETTS

- May 6-7 Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Horticultural Hall, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.

NEW JERSEY

- May 3-4 New Jersey Daffodil Society (and cooperating clubs) presenting its first annual show. B. Altman's club rooms, Short Hills.
- 8-9 Hunterdon Hills Garden Club. A first daffodil show. Mrs. Ralph Berkson, Glen Gardner, will furnish details.

OHIO

- April 13-14 Dayton Council of Garden Clubs. Patterson Memorial Center, 1815 Brown Street, Dayton.
- 26-27 At Kingwood Center, Mansfield. Many Ohio garden clubs are cooperating to present a fine show for the American Daffodil Society members attending the Second Annual Convention. Horticultural classes open to all; artistic arrangements are invitational.
- 27 Smithfield Garden Club. For details, write Mrs. A. C. Pfeiffer, Rt. 2, Grafton.

OKLAHOMA

- Thru Apr. 2 Miss Eleanor Hill's "one-man" show of more than 100 varieties of Novelties. Garden Center, 2415 S. Peoria.

OREGON

- April 13-14 Men's Garden Club. Educational and non-competitive. Mr. Allen W. Davis, 3424 S.W. Hume St., Portland 19, will furnish details.

PENNSYLVANIA

- April 13-14 Norristown Garden Club, twelfth annual daffodil show. Stewart Memorial Armory, Harding Blvd., Norristown.
- 17-18 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Berwyn.
- 26 Berwyn Garden Club. Write Mrs. N. B. Sangree, 201 Lansdowne Ave., Wayne, for details.

VIRGINIA

- April 11-12 Garden Club of Virginia Twenty-third Annual Daffodil Show. An exceptionally fine display can be expected. Belle Haven Country Club, Fort Hunt Drive, Alexandria; Hostess Club, Hunting Creek Garden Club.
- 5 Grandin Court Garden Club, Roanoke. Mrs. George Steedman, 2512 Oregon Ave., will furnish details.
- 23 Christiansburg Garden Club. Get information from Mr. Leslie N. Sheler, 201 Ellett Drive.
- ? Garden Club of the Eastern Shore of Virginia; Fifteenth Annual Daffodil and Camellia show. American Legion Hall, Belle Haven. Mrs. Littleton H. Mears, Eastville, will provide exact date and other data.
- 10 Mountain River Garden Club. Several hundred entries expected. Get additional information from Mrs. R. LaRue Armstrong, Clearwater Park, Covington.

SHOWS (cont'd)WEST VIRGINIA

April 6-7 Huntington Council of Garden Clubs. Sixteenth Annual Narcissus Show; Huntington Memorial Field House.

GARDENS

(Open to visitors throughout daffodil blooming season unless otherwise stated. Southern and Far Western displays will be published in Winter Bulletin for 1958).

This list is restricted, because of space, to plantations of 250 or more varieties with all Divisions represented.

CONN.

NEW CANAAN. George S. Lee, Jr. April 15-May 1. Informal; clumps along woodland paths, all labelled. 100 varieties of miniatures.  
WEST HARTFORD. Mr. John R. Larus. Last half of April. This naturalized garden has other features besides daffodils.

GEORGIA

Miller Thompson, 6751 Rockbridge Rd., STONE MOUNTAIN. Through April 10. 500 varieties in test beds with varying soil conditions and planting depths. After 1957 garden layout plan will be executed.

ILLINOIS

HINSDALE. Hubert A. Fischer, 63rd St. April 20; 210 varieties in perennial borders and naturalized.  
NORTHEROOK. Orville W. Fay, 1775 Pfingsten Rd. April 15-May 15. 10,000 seedlings planted in fields.  
ELDORADO. Mrs. Clyde Cox, 2330 Illinois Ave. April 1-15. In borders with shrubs and perennials; miniatures.

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS. Mrs. M. L. McCoy, 807 Lesley Ave. Hillside, rock and terraced garden. April 10-25.  
INDIANAPOLIS. Mrs. Henry C. Prange, 5721 Haverford Ave. April 15-30; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 400 varieties on 1/4 acre.  
MARTINSVILLE. Mrs. Goethe Link. 750 varieties on 20 acres. April 15-25. Test garden and seedlings.  
INDIANAPOLIS. Mrs. W. E. Gillman, 4925 E. 65th St. 275 varieties on an acre, at edges of herbaceous borders.

MARYLAND

BETHESDA. Judge Carey E. Quinn (President ADS), 5014 Del Ray. More than 700 varieties, specializing in Novelties. Month of April.  
BETHESDA. Harvey Warwick, 5910 Bradley Blvd. Broadleaf evergreens and general landscaping enhance the daffodils. Month of April.  
BETHESDA. Frederic P. Lee, 7401 Glenbrook. Example of use of daffodils in landscaping. Month of April.  
BETHESDA. Willard A. King, 7902 Bradley Blvd. Month of April. Use of daffodils in landscaping; specimen broadleaf evergreens and other features.  
MT. AIRY. Mrs. Asa H. Watkins. April 18-25. Informal.  
LUTHERVILLE. Mrs. William A. Bridges (ADS Treasurer), 10 Othoridge Rd. Modest planting, in rows, of over 500 varieties.

MASS.

HARVARD. Dr. Helen C. Scorgie. April 15-May 15. Landscape features with 400 varieties. Special collection of miniatures.

N. J.

BOONTON. Mrs. John B. Capen (Regional Vice-President, ADS). Last week of April, week days. Informal plantings on 4 acres.

GARDENS  
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PLAINFIELD, N.J. Cedar Brook Park. Public. An exceptional naturalized plantation. Miss Harriette B. Halloway, 832 Madison Ave., Plainfield, will welcome ADS visitors.

N. C.

LAURINBURG. W. H. McNairy. Clumps in borders and rows in fields. Semi-commercial.

OHIO

DAYTON. Mrs. C. W. Schmalstig, 4371 Tam-o-Shanter Way. Informal. April 15-30.

CLAYTON. Mrs. Herbert S. Shinkle, Timberline Gardens. Commercial. Both formal and informal. Mid-April.

TALMADGE. Mrs. R. L. Ross, 112 Outlook Dr. April 15-30. Informal.

GRAFTON. Mrs. A. C. Pfeiffer. April 29-May 6. Small-scale commercial.

NEW SPRINGFIELD. Brown's Narcissus Garden. April 24-May 8. Commercial.

OKLAHOMA

TULSA. Miss Eleanor Hill, 1633 E. 22nd St. Through April 4.

OREGON

CANBY. Grant E. Mitsch. 600 varieties on 5 acres. Commercial; April 4-20. Closed Sundays.

GRESHAM. Oregon Bulb Farms, Box 512. Jan de Graaf. April 1-15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Commercial; wholesale only, but visitors may browse around.

PORTLAND. Allen W. Davis, 3424 S.W. Hume St. Display beds, woodland paths, formal & informal; many miniatures. Semi-commercial on novelties only. Through April 20 "by appointment".

PENNA.

DREXEL LODGE, 1 mi. west of Newtown Square. Gardens are extension of Drexel Inst. of Tech. Many exhibition varieties selected by L. P. Maines, Professor of Civil Engineering.

NEW HOPE. Charles H. Mueller, River Rd. Display beds and informal. April 15-May 5. Commercial.

NORRISTOWN. Mrs. Elizabeth D. Gruver, 124 Lincoln Terrace. 3 acres, informal. An outstanding display.

OAKMONT. F. N. Rhines, 740 13th St. Test beds and informal planting; many species and miniatures. Near "Allegheny Valley Interchange" off Pennsylvania Turnpike. April 15-25.

VIRGINIA

BENA, Gloucester County. Mrs. Theodore Pratt's "Little England". 1200 varieties including entire collections of Guy Wilson & Lionel Richardson. Through April 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Commercial.

EASTVILLE. Mrs. Littleton H. Mears, "Holly Brook". 400 varieties in old type Virginia garden. April 1-15

GLOUCESTER. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Heath's "The Daffodil Mart", Nuttall. 1,000 varieties in open fields. Through April 15. Commercial. Also exhibit of cut blooms throughout season in Gloucester Court House.

LORTON. Mrs. Howard B. Bloomer, Jr., "Shore Acres". 500 exhibition varieties in open fields; naturalized on hill. April 5-15.

MARTINSVILLE. Mrs. J. Robert Walker, 501 Mulberry St. Garden Club of Virginia Test Garden. Highly cultivated collection of new and rare varieties. Through April 15.

RICHMOND. Mrs. Wm. Carpenter Jones, 4910 Evelyn Byrd Rd. Landscaped garden. April 5-20, 1-5 p.m.

RICHMOND. Carroll M. Bass, 1210 Windsor Ave. 500 varieties in rows. Collection of miniatures. Through April 10.

ROANOKE. Mrs. George Steedman, 2512 Oregon Ave. Informal. Through 4/10.

ROANOKE. Mrs. J. Cortège Barker, 2019 Laburnum Ave., S.W. Informal.

SALEM. Gerald D. Waltz; 1½ mi. west of Salen on U.S. Rt. 11 (and 460). 400 varieties in fields. April 5-20. Commercial.

GARDENS (cont'd)

W. VA. BLUEFIELD. Mrs. Elmo L. Agee, 2405 Mt. View Ave. Built-up and open beds; informal. April 1 - 20.

APPRECIATION

Your associate editor gratefully acknowledges the Questionnaires which have been returned. Please note again that the annual reports of shows and gardens in the south (February-March) must be in our hands not later than January 1 each year to be included in the Winter Bulletin. If you have not yet sent in the Questionnaire, please do so. After compiling the information, we will forward them to the Regional Vice-Presidents for their files.

DAFFODIL AND TULIP YEAR BOOK - 1957

by Willis H. Wheeler, Secretary

No daffodil enthusiast should be without the above named book, published by the Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain. In it you will find numerous articles of interest, including those by Guy L. Wilson, Grant E. Mitsch, Carey E. Quinn, and several other well known writers. In this book Mr. Wilson reports on his trip to this country and our first ADS Convention at Washington, D.C. in April 1956. Included with the article is a good picture showing Mr. Wilson, C. Reginald Wooton, his traveling companion, and our president, Carey Quinn.

Send your order for the book to The Daffodil Mart, Nuttall, Gloucester County, Virginia. The price is \$2.25 postpaid. Or, if you want to go to the trouble, you can order it for \$1.65 postpaid from the Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, Westminster, London, S.W. 1, England. The Society will accept personal checks made out to the Royal Horticultural Society.

You should also have the R.H.S. "Classified List of Daffodil Names" (1955), both for your own information and for the proper entry of daffodils at the shows. The price from The Daffodil Mart is \$1.50, or \$0.85 from the R.H.S. in England. The difference in English prices is, of course, due to the high exchange rate for American Dollars.

DAFFODIL BULBS FROM "DOWN UNDER"

Guy L. Wilson has sent an ADS member (South Carolina) some interesting and timely comments about the handling of bulbs from New Zealand. "... You will probably find that they take a longish time to acclimatize with you as they have to change their season right around. People send me odd bulbs from Tasmania and New Zealand practically every year, and I reckon it takes five or six or more years here before we can see really representative flowers from them. I have come to the conclusion that the best method to treat them is to keep the bulbs which arrive here dormant in our spring season, in my warm linen cupboard, at a temperature as near 80 as it can provide and so keep them dormant right through the season, right up till the late end of our planting season - say late in October - and then plant them out of doors when they will come along in our own spring season and be able to ripen their foliage better in our summer than if we had planted them on arrival in spring. I used to plant them in spring and found that they could not ripen their foliage properly in autumn, and made terribly weak bulbs; also they seemed to get virus very easily (I suppose from virus-carrying insects that were about in summer). If they reach you around April, I am sure you will have no difficulty in your warm climate in keeping them dormant until your late fall.

"I should think that in your climate, speaking generally, earlier varieties of daffodils will probably give you the best results, unless possibly some of the Jonquil Hybrids and the lovely Triandrus Tazetta Hybrid, Silver Chimes, which seem to enjoy having their bulbs well baked in summer."