



## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DAFFODIL SOCIETY**

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### **DAFFODILS IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN THE OAKLAND HILLS FIRE**

As you may have heard - and read in the Bay Area newspapers - Gordon Piper, an NCDS member who lost his home in the fire, is spearheading the establishment of a permanent garden in memory of the persons who died in the Oakland fire last Fall. The garden will be in the devastated area. The City of Oakland has provided the property; private contractors have donated the equipment, labor, and materials to prepare the property; EBMUD will provide the water; and nurseries, individuals, and Community organizations are providing the plants and trees.

The garden will be mainly native trees and plants, but Gordon received a special request from Judith Kaye McGinnis to include a plot of daffodils in memory of her husband, Gregor E. McGinnis. Gregor, who died while attempting to save their home, had a special love for daffodils. In response, Sid DuBose is registering one of his daffodil seedlings as "Gregor McGinnis," and will donate the entire stock to be planted in the new garden. Gordon says there is also the opportunity to plant daffodils on the slopes above Tunnel Road.

Gordon can use our help in getting the bulbs planted! He will have the bulbs by mid-October. He'll be ready to plant soon thereafter. If you have some time to help plant, tell Bob Spotts at the NCDS Fall Party, or call Gordon Piper at (510) 843-3828.