



# The Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society

## Spring 2012 Newsletter

### ***NEXT MEETING FEB. 25***

The spring meeting of the Northeastern North Carolina Daffodil Society will be on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at 10 a.m. until noon at the Currituck Extension Agency center, 120 Community Way off the intersection of U.S. Rte 158 and Aviation Parkway, Barco, NC, 27941. Bring light snacks to share.

Free and open to the interested public.

### ***DAFFODIL SHOW SET FOR MARCH 24***

The public is invited to the show and to enter their flowers.

For the new exhibitors, there is always someone there to help you enter your daffodils. Daffodils are entered as “cut” flowers and the entry containers are provided by the show committee.

**Youth Section:** Open to those 18 and younger who raise their own daffodils. Bring your younger member with their daffodils and encourage them to enter all they have. Young members are always welcomed and encouraged.

**Small Growers Section:** The Small Growers, or novice section, for those growing 50 or fewer cultivars will still be there this year. Our annual Wild Goose Award (certificate) and a picture of the winner with the “Wild Goose” goes to the Small Grower exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in the show.

Any blue ribbon anywhere in the show counts for the Small Grower Wild Goose Award. The award is to encourage our Small Growers to enter as many daffodils as possible into the show.

*New this year:* the Jan Perry-Weber award for Small Grower best bloom (see minutes, page 2).

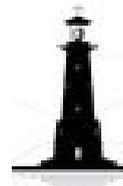
**Unknown Daffodils:** Pick the mystery daffodils in your yard and bring them to the show. We are continuing our tradition of entering unknown daffodils.

If the daffodils are identified before the judging begins, they will be labeled and entered into appropriate categories. If not identified, they will be entered in the Unknown Category and hopefully the judges can suggest a name.

**Photography Section:** The photography section was a big hit the last two years. We encourage our members and the youth of the area to enter their photographs. Please see Fran Higgins for the rules for entry. Remember, you must take the picture yourself and each photograph entered must have a minimum of one daffodil in the picture. Previous Blue Ribbon winners cannot be entered again.

**New section this year:** A “Classic” section will be added to the show schedule this year for those daffodils developed between 1940 and 1969. This is good news for gardeners who have daffodils that are too young for historic categories but too old to successfully compete with recent introductions.

**Arrgh!** Pirates of the Carolinas – The “Brethren of the Coast” is the theme of the Artistic Section of the Daffodil Show. This section has become a true crowd pleaser, allowing visitors to vote for the “People’s Choice Award.”



We encourage members to enter this section in addition to the Horticultural portion.

Advance registration is required for all classes of arrangements. Please make reservations with Sharon Huttemann, (252) 261-5317 or email her at [shuttemann@aol.com](mailto:shuttemann@aol.com) no later than Thursday, March 15.

Upon registration, entrants will be provided with a Design Package containing further details on the designs and requirements in this Section.

Entering daffodils is FREE. You don't have to be a member to put daffodils into the NENCDS Show. Bring the flowers during the exhibition entry hours of 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 23, or on the morning of the show March 24 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. If you need help, someone will be there to assist you.

There will be five classes of floral arrangements, with four exhibits within each class. Exhibitors can enter multiple classes but are limited to one entry per class.

**Class 1** - Sloops were the fastest of the pirate ships, usually with a single mast & sail. Create a traditional mass design to reflect a wind-filled sail.

**Class 2** - Schooners had multiple masts and were larger than sloops. Create a parallel arrangement that echoes these masts when the ship was at port.



**Class 3** - A Pirate Ship would have many cannons to fire at the merchant Ships. Create a spatial thrust design to mirror those powerful weapons of the seas.



**Class 4** - A Pirate's Treasure was anything that could be sold or bartered. Create a small design representing these treasures (any style, cannot exceed 8 inches any direction).

**Class 5** - On shore a pirate spent a lot of time in taverns and pubs, whether in the Carolinas or the Caribbean. Create a functional table design to show a night at one of these pubs.

Come to the Daffodil Show to exhibit in either daffodils or design or both, but most of all have fun and have a pleasant day.

## FALL 2011 NE NC DAFFODIL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

The fall meeting of the Northeastern NC Daffodil Society began at 9:30 a.m. October 29 in the auditorium of the Currituck Extension Building.

After registration, Clay Higgins welcomed all members and gave new members gift bags of daffodil bulbs. Clay also thanked Master Gardener Volunteers, 2010 Daffodil Show workers and all the members who helped with the digging and bulb exchange preparations.

He expressed special appreciation to Jan Perry-Weber for her help and support in establishing the Northeast NC Daffodil Society and Show and announced that the Best Bloom in the Small Grower section will henceforth be known as the "Jan Perry-Weber Award."

The Wild Goose Award will continue to be presented to the winner of the most blue ribbons in the show by a Small Grower. The Higgins' also thanked Home Depot for their bulb contributions. Jan and members thanked Clay and Fran.

### Business

1. The Spring meeting will take place at 10 a.m., February 25, 2012, at the Currituck Extension building. At that time we will firm up plans for the Daffodil Show. Lists of members working as stewards, clerks, greeters, registration helpers and clean-up crews will be formed. Clay will offer additional help in staging multiple stems

for showing and discuss any further changes in the Show Schedule.

A change to the present schedule is the addition of a "Classic" category, which will include named flowers registered in the years between 1940 and 1969.

2. Sharon Hutterman announced the theme for the Design section of our spring show as "Pirates of the Carolinas"- "Brethren of the Coast." Designs in all classes will reflect Carolina's Pirate Heritage: sailing ships, treasure, grog and grub, etc. In place of last year's Miniature design, this year Class 4 will be a Small design (not larger than 8 inches by 8 inches). The rules for the design classes and the scale of points are from the National Garden Club. Sharon hopes to have a floral designer at the spring meeting to help members interested in participating in the Artistic Division. Reservations for the design classes must be made by March 19.

3. Clay introduced our speakers, Kate and Mitch Carney of Flower Farm in Boonsboro, Maryland. Kate is the new regional Vice President and spoke briefly about encouraging youth participation in Daffodil Society through mentorship. Mitch then gave an informative talk on Intermediate daffodils. Intermediates are defined as single floreted stems in divisions 1,2,3,4, or 11 with a diameter between 50mm-80mm--medium sized, precise blossoms. He illustrated his talk with a lovely slideshow.

Our business meeting concluded with raffle drawings and the bulb exchange. Members present enjoyed a covered dish lunch. Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 25th at the Currituck Extension Center and the 2012 NE North Carolina Daffodil show will be held on March 24th.

Signed: Clay Higgins Chairman



*Clay will demonstrate how to stage 3 of a kind as well as a block of 5 at the Spring NE NC DS meeting.*

**Volunteers:** Jan Perry-Weber needs 16 volunteers to work with the judges as Clerks at the March 24 show from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructions will be given prior to the judging.

**New Members:** We are offering a minimum of three separate varieties of daffodils in addition to the bulb exchange for all new members that join in 2012

**Pot Luck Lunch:** The spring 2012 meeting will run late. Everyone is asked to bring light snacks (to serve 5 or 6) of their favorite food to share with others