

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY NORTHEAST REGION

Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania

Spring Newsletter 2012

PLAN ON ATTENDING THE 2012 ADS SHOW & CONVENTION!

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Welcome New Members!

The Region has several new members since our last newsletter. Remember to send them information about your Daffodil shows.

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Spring 2012 Shows Planned

April 14-15, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Delaware Valley Daffodil Society at [Longwood Gardens](#), 1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348; *Contact:* Jocelyn Thayer (610) 399-0903, j.thayer179@verizon.net

April 24, Rye, New York

[Little Garden Club of Rye](#) Daffodil Show at the carriage house of the Jay Heritage Center in Rye, NY. **Note new location.** *Contact:* Robin Russell, Two Flagler Drive, Rye, NY 10580, (914) 967-8044, rdhr@mindspring.com

April 27-28, Morristown, New Jersey

New Jersey Daffodil Society Show at [Frelinghuysen Arboretum](#), 53 East Hanover Avenue, Morristown, NJ; *Contact:* Ray Rogers, 503 Lee Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, (732) 249-9282, rayro@optonline.net

April 28-29, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Chambersburg Garden Club and Tuscarora Daffodil Group Show at [First Lutheran Church](#), 43 West Washington Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201 *Contact:* Richard Ezell, 334 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg PA 17325, (717) 334-2304, brownezell@earthlink.net or Mitch Carney (301) 432-4728 mca1062357@aol.com

April 28-29, Washington, Pennsylvania

Western Pennsylvania Daffodil Growers South and Daffodil and Hosta Society, Joe Hamm's Barn, 99 Maple Road, Buffalo Village, Washington, PA 15301 *Contact:* Joe Hamm, (724) 345-3762, joham1@juno.com, Stephen Plato, 415 Canterbury Trail, Cranberry, PA 16066 (412) 478-7865, Stephenplato@gmail.com

The Garden Club of Shelter Island News

The Garden Club of Shelter Island will not be having a Daffodil Show in 2012 because we alternate years with a Standard Flower Show and House Tour. This year's show will be held on July 18, 2012, and will be called "Fanciful Flight". We will then host a Daffodil Show the following April, 2013. The Club received a sizable donation with which they purchased more than 600 daffodil bulbs. The bulbs were planted by the Cub Scouts under the supervision of garden club members. Be sure to visit Shelter Island this Spring and be rewarded with a blaze of blooming yellow in public gardens and public spaces all over the Island.

New Display Garden at Winterthur, Delaware

Winterthur Museum and Country Estate, in Delaware, has been approved as an ADS Display Garden. Winterthur is the former estate of Henry Francis du Pont. The 1,000-acre country estate encompasses rolling hills, streams, meadows, and forests. Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969) developed an appreciation of nature as a boy that served as a basis for his life's work in the garden.

Du Pont selected the choicest plants from around the world to enhance the natural setting, carefully orchestrating a succession of bloom from late January to November. The garden is at its peak in the third/fourth week of April. In April 2010, Winterthur was visited by 12,000 people. If you're in the South Central Pennsylvania or Delaware area, you should plan a visit.

Early Season?

If your garden is like mine, I'm anticipating that our daffodils will bloom a couple of weeks earlier than normal. The following is an excerpt of information from the Minnesota Show Schedule that was posted on Daffnet that may help you in preparing for the shows. See the full text on Daffnet.

Daffodils can be kept in a refrigerator for 4-5 weeks if necessary. Keep the humidity high in modern frost-free

refrigerators. Use trays of water and/or wet towels. Keep temperature in the 34-36 degree range, as low as possible without freezing the blooms. Put blooms in deep containers, covering as much of the stem as possible. MOST IMPORTANT: Do not store any fruit or aging produce in the same refrigerator. If a daffodil dies in the refrigerator, remove it as soon as found. If the flower wilts, re-cut the stem to open the pores and replace in fresh water. Take out of the refrigerator the day before if:

* The flower is not fully mature (e.g. color not fully developed). * The flower is not fully open ("hooded"). * The flower is looking downward (and that is not its natural pose) – place a light behind the bloom to get it to raise its head. Before refrigerating, clean off any dirt or stains. Flowers that are reverse bicolor, have lemony colored petals, or have pink cups need sunlight to complete development. They must be left on the plant in the ground to completely mature.

Northeast Region Nominations

I have been remiss in not sending out the ballot for new officers for the Northeast Region for the new year starting in April. Nominations are: Eileen Whitney, Regional Vice-President and Liz Ellwood, 2014 Regional Director to complete Eileen Whitney's term, and Barbara Mertz, 2015 Regional Director.

Please return the ballot to Jocelyn Thayer by email at j.thayer179@verizon.net or through post at 535 Woodhaven Road, West Chester, PA 19382

Reminder about your ADS dues:

Effective JULY 1, 2009 ADS converted to an annual dues renewal date of JULY 1. The 'PAID THROUGH' date near your name on your *Daffodil Journal* indicates when your ADS membership needs to be renewed.

You may renew by sending your check, made payable to ADS, to:

Jaydee Atkins Ager, ADS Executive Director
P O Box 522,
Hawkinsville, GA 31036-0522

or you may renew online at the ADS web store:

www.daffodilusastore.org

Barbara Mertz,
Northeast Region Vice-President

