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Daffodil Society of Minnesota

Early Winter Newsletter

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Dear Margaret,

Our daffodil bulbs are tucked in the ground, and we've put our gardens to bed for the winter. Now it's time to enjoy family and friends through out the holiday season. And, it's time to think about daffodil activities in 2013. Get out your calendar and save some dates!

We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2013

Join fellow daffodil enthusiasts for a potluck and Annual Meeting!

Who:

You - All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Put **Thursday, January 17, 6:30 PM** on your calendar! We would love to have you join us. [Click here to let us know!](#)

When:

Thursday, January 17, 2013
 6:30 PM - Potluck
 7:15 PM - Annual Meeting

Where:

Home of Myrna and Charlie Smith
 1605 Fulham St.



Newly Named Daffodil 'Orange Julius' 2 W-O named to honor the late Julius Wadekamper bred by Brian Duncan, Northern Ireland

2012 DSM Gold Ribbon Winner
 Best Standard In Show
 exhibited by Kathy Julius as Duncan seedling D1629

Will You Be Able to Participate in the 2013 Annual Meeting?

Our records show your membership is paid through 2014. We're glad you're part of the DSM!

If you are not current through at least 2013, [click here](#) to renew now or bring your dues to the Annual Meeting. Then you will be able to fully participate in all the DSM functions throughout 2013!

Invite your friends to join,

too! 

Quick Links

[Daffodil Care Month-by-Month](#)

[Results from 35th Annual Daffodil Show](#)

[Learn more](#)

St. Paul - 651-644-3530

Potluck:

Myrna and Charlie will provide the main course (roasted turkey) - please bring a salad, side, or a dessert to share! So we can plan, [let us know if you're coming!](#)

Directions to Myrna and Charlie's:

From Hwy 280, take the Como Ave. exit. Go east on Como, then almost immediately take the first left on to Hendon. Go up the hill - at the top of the hill turn left on to Fulham St. Go 2 blocks, to where the road forces you to turn right (at Folwell). Park! Myrna and Charlie are at the bend, on the left.

Annual Meeting Preliminary Agenda

Election of 2013 Officers and At-Large Board Members

Treasurer's Report

Approval of minutes

Newly named daffodils - two of them (one pictured above)!

Announcement of show specifics, including new traveling trophy

Other Business

We hope to see you on **Thursday, January 17, 6:30 PM** - [RSVP now!](#)

SPECIAL TREAT COMING UP MARCH 10, 2013



Hear daffodil hybridizer Brent Heath speak!

All DSM members, plus your friends and the general public, are invited to a special presentation - to **hear daffodil hybridizer Brent Heath speak!** Brent will share tales of his many years in the bulb business - he has some great stories!

Sunday, March 10, 2013 - 1:00 PM at [Bachman's Heritage Room](#).

Brent and his wife Becky own [Brent and Becky's Bulbs](#), a wonderful source of daffodils, as well as other bulbs.

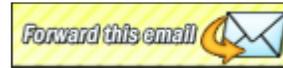
When:

Sunday, March 10, 2013 - 1:00 PM

Where:

[Bachman's Heritage Room](#)
6010 Lyndale Ave. South
Minneapolis - 612-861-7600

We hope to see you on **Sunday, March 10** - [RSVP now!](#)



And invite your friends!

2013 CALENDAR - EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Mark your calendar now!

Several events in 2013 are scheduled, and more will be firmed up soon.

Brent Heath will speak Sunday, March 10th:

This is a biggie! **Save Sunday, March 10th, 1:00 PM!** You will not want to miss this! See the details above.

Spring Fling at the Arboretum - Saturday, March 9th:

The Daffodil Society of Minnesota will join other plant enthusiasts as we all look forward to spring! DSM will have a table on Saturday March 9th, and we'll be inviting visitors to [our show](#). We'll need a few volunteers to help staff the table - let us know if you can help!

Spring Show - Saturday & Sunday, May 4-5, 2013:

We will be at [Bachman's](#) on Lyndale again, setting up on Friday afternoon, May 3rd. Plan to come, and enter flowers! If you have never entered before, you will receive **10 show quality bulbs** after you enter the first time!



Volunteers make the show possible -
plan to help out this year!

Awards Potluck and Group Ordering - Wednesday, June 12, 2013:

We're combining the annual 'group bulb ordering' potluck with an Awards event, where we'll recognize winners from the May show. Guaranteed to be a fun evening!

Bulb sales:

We have one sale scheduled at the [Minnesota Landscape Arboretum](#), and more will be added. Contact

Eddie Godfrey by [email](#) or phone (952-472-5623) if you can help:

- **August 17 and 18** - Saturday and Sunday, in conjunction with [Landscape Arboretum's](#) FlowerFest (10:00 to 4:00 both days)



Ethel Smith's 2012 "Maroon Ribbon" winner (best collection of five reverse bi-color stems)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Musings at the Winter Solstice - Michael Berrigan

We are nearing the winter solstice and I am reminded of the shortened days in which to get everything done. For me, this year was a blur, with comings and goings, crises and solutions, celebrations, welcomes and goodbyes. We all have low points, times where a kind word helps us through, or a note from far away rekindles the glow within us to keep going. We all have high points, where nothing can be better than that moment and we would like to keep it that way forever. And there are the times between - times to reflect and to follow through and to plan. I am firmly in that spot now.

At this lull, I can reflect on my daffodil plantings, seeds of hope and remembrance which will grow and bloom when more temperate conditions allow. Many months will pass before we can enjoy our flowers outside. We can, however, enjoy the correspondence and camaraderie of other daffodil enthusiasts through the tools available from the [American Daffodil Society](#).



Michael Berrigan with his 2012 awards

"[Daffnet](#)" is a pain-free web page providing more reading on daffodils than can be found in any other location. Try it at <http://daffnet.org/>. The web page has postings divided by topics arranged along the top of the home page. You can display many articles on topics that you preselect or search. Within a few keystrokes, one can see postings on dozens of subjects. One can also look up articles with any keyword you choose to search by.

This fall, I had the opportunity to visit the South Island of New Zealand and attend the World Daffodil Convention. I will write about it at length in the future. It was nice to see a place where a daffodil planted in the 1880's could still be flourishing, and could be left to grow and multiply without care for generations.

When I returned to our dry fall, I fretted about the lack of rain and assembled a dozen hoses to get water to the furthest reaches of my plantings. I went home at lunch to move hoses and sprinkler heads. I spent hours watering and looking at the long range weather report, only to get up early and move hoses again.

I next worried about how fast the ground would freeze and the lack of snow cover, and found a source of wheat straw. The bales were from failed crops that grew but did not fill out. This seedless straw could not infect my beds with weeds, so was a perfect mulch and insurance against a harsh winter. Once the straw was spread, a light rain cemented it in place and I was ready to catch up in the greenhouse.

I potted bulbs for forcing so I can collect the pollen for hybridizing, and bulb orders that came too late to risk planting out of doors. Giant amaryllis bulbs seemed to get larger with each store where I saw them, until finally I had to go buy more pots (plus just a few more bulbs of Grand Soleil d'Or)!



Grand Soleil d'Or - great for forcing in our climate

An idle comment from my daughter that she likes hyacinths resulted in the purchase of clearance bulbs, plus a few crocuses to fill them out. The greenhouse is now full of pots that will bloom until the flowers of spring propel me outside again. The greenhouse contains wonders from far continents and exotic places that I hope one day to visit, but am more likely to visit only vicariously.

I realize that the daffodil hobby's excuse is the flowers, but in fact the allure is the people. I also saw this fall that our hobby is not even that odd, as exemplified by four different groups at the same large convention center where I was on a recent weekend. I have ranked the groups in order of "least" to "most" odd: 1 - the Vanderbilt high school 1962 class reunion, 2 - The American Daffodil Society Fall Board meeting, 3 - the Nashville Bodybuilders Association fall competition and banquet, and 4 - the Furry anthropomorphic Nashville gathering (yes, there is a website!). I left convinced that my hobby is not so odd after all! I had not expected that a group could impose rules on its members, written or not, such as that slit skirts were expected attire at breakfast, or no leash play in the halls! Any of our rules that seem odd or puzzling to an outsider seem tame by comparison.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. I hope to see you in 2013! Michael Berrigan

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