



NARCISSUS NOTES
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American Daffodil Society
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Midwest Region Daffodil Shows 2016

April 2 & 3, 2016, Winchester, Kentucky
Kentucky Daffodil and Bulb Society (KDABS)
George Rogers Clark High School
2745 Boonesboro Road
Winchester, Kentucky
Contacts: Michael Kuduk, kuduk@earthlink.net 859-556-0897
or Jim Wilson, wilsonjh@twc.com, 502-222-2210

April 15 & 16, 2016, Indianapolis, Indiana = *Midwest Regional Show*
(*Note entry deadline & judging will be on Friday*)
Indiana Daffodil Society (IDS)
Nature Center at Holliday Park
6363 Spring Mill Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260
Contacts: Sue Luken, chemocurl@hotmail.com, 812-794-3675
or Diane Cockerham, monawatusi@icloud.com, 317-225-6854

April 16 & 17, 2016, Columbus, Ohio
Central Ohio Daffodil Society (CODS)
Franklin Park Conservatory
1777 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43203
Contact: Phyllis Hess, 614-882-5720, dafflyphyll@hotmail.com

April 16 & 17, 2016
Granville Garden Club (not an ADS show)
Bryn Du Mansion, 537 Jones Road
Granville, OH 43023
Contact: Nancy Eucker, neucker@windstream.net, or Mary K. Piras, mkpiras@gmail.com

April 23 & 24, 2016, Youngstown, Ohio
Fellows Riverside Gardens Daffodil Show
Fellows Riverside Gardens Mill Creek Metroparks
123 McKinley Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
Contact: Norma Roden, 330-740-7116 x 206, norma@millcreekmetroparks.org
Also special event to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Garden Club of Youngstown, the group who established the "Daffodil Meadow" in the 1930's.

April 30 & May 1, 2016
Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society
Wartinger Historical Park
3080 Kemp Road
Beavercreek, Ohio 45431
Contact: Linda Wallpe, 513-221-4140, llwallpe@gmail.com

Just outside the Midwest Region, but close by:

April 23, 2016
The Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western PA with the Allegheny County, Penn State
Gardeners Garden Marketplace and Symposium
Shadyside Academy Ice Rink
423 Fox Chapel Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
Contact: Stephen Plato, 412-478-7865, sjplato46@gmail.com

April 23 & 24, 2016
Western Pennsylvania Daffodil Growers South
Joe Hamm's Barn
99 Maple Road, Buffalo Village
Washington, PA 15301
Contact: Joe Hamm, 724-345-3762, joehamm1@juno.com

In Memoriam

The Midwest Region mourns the passing of daffodil friends:

Greg Gripshover of Dublin, Ohio
Deceased July 26, 2015

Tom Ragouzis of Cincinnati, Ohio
Deceased September 2, 2015

The Midwest Region held the following daffodil shows in Spring 2015:

April 4 & 5, 2015

Kentucky Daffodil and Bulb Society
George Rogers Clark High School, Winchester, Kentucky
274 entries; 26 exhibitors; 512 stems

April 17 & 18, 2015,

Indiana Daffodil Society (IDS)
Nature Center at Holliday Park, Indianapolis, Indiana
416 entries; 29 exhibitors; 933 stems

April 18 & 19, 2015

Central Ohio Daffodil Society (CODS) = *Midwest Regional Show 2015*
Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus, Ohio
347 entries; 21 exhibitors; 762 stems

April 25 & 26, 2015

Fellows Riverside Gardens Daffodil Show
Fellows Riverside Gardens Mill Creek Metroparks, Youngstown, Ohio
348 entries; 18 exhibitors; 574 stems

April 25 & 26, 2015

Western Reserve Daffodil Society
Cleveland Botanical Garden
94 entries; 7 exhibitors; 247 stems

In light of the scheduling conflict with ADS National Convention in Williamsburg on the second weekend in April, Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society (SWODS) suspended its 2015 show.

American Daffodil Society 2015 National Show and Convention, Williamsburg, Virginia

Held April 9-12, 2015, at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, Virginia, the convention included a beautiful daffodil show, a photography show, featured speakers, tour choice Saturday of Gloucester Daffodil Festival or world-class private gardens, and Sunday tour of Brent & Becky's Bulbs. Optional extra offerings included judges' refresher session; judging school; and tour of Horticulture at Colonial Williamsburg on Friday.

At the Board meeting, ADS President Harold Koopowitz thanked Suzy Wert of Indianapolis, Indiana, for producing "The Daffodil Primer," an attractive 19-page booklet of essential information, now used to send out in the packets to new ADS members.

Many Midwest folks attended the convention, participated in the bulb auction, enjoyed the tours, and entered the show. A few made it to high table:

Best Classic Vase of 3 to Mike & Lisa Kuduk for 'Pipit'

Best New Zealand collection of 5 and the Purple Ribbon to Tom Stettner

Dutch Trophy to Mike & Lisa Kuduk

At the ADS National Convention on April 10, 2015, in Williamsburg, Virginia, ADS President Harold Koopowitz awarded the President's Medal to Mary Lou Gripshover of Milford, Ohio, for her extraordinary service to the society.

Here is the very exciting press release:

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY (ADS) 2015 PRESIDENT'S MEDAL RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

Williamsburg, VA – Mary Lou Gripshover of Milford, OH was awarded the American Daffodil Society President's Medal on April 10, 2015 at the American Daffodil Society Convention in Williamsburg, VA.

The American Daffodil Society President's Medal is awarded to people who can only be described as extraordinary. They continue to make substantial contributions to our daffodil world above and beyond what is normally expected of any one person. Because of their presence we have a far richer environment than would have been possible without their participation.

The new ADS President's Medal is awarded very infrequently and only if a worthy recipient as well as a donor to bear the cost of the medal can be found. It is called the President's Medal and is solid white gold. The medal needs NO letters of nomination because the worthiness of the recipient must be self-evident.



Ms. Gripshover has had an extraordinary career with the American Daffodil Society. She has held many positions in the Society, including Executive Director, The Daffodil Journal Editor, American Daffodil Society President, and has filled countless other positions and offices as well. She has studied daffodils in the wild and in the garden. She is the person responsible for scanning thousands of pages for DaffLibrary.org, which is now the most visited website that ADS supports. Ms. Gripshover is also the liaison between the ADS and the Royal Horticultural Society for registering new hybrids. Paramount in her thoughts is always doing what is most important for the well-being and health of the American Daffodil Society.

The American Daffodil Society has a tradition of honoring individuals who have contributed to the betterment of daffodils and the American Daffodil Society. Ms. Gripshover is an extraordinary individual who cares and continues to give her superior meritorious service to the American Daffodil Society.

Kentucky Daffodil Show, Winchester, Kentucky, April 4, 2015

After some years' lapse, KDABS (Kentucky Daffodil and Bulb Society) re-organized under the leadership of Mike Kuduk, Lisa Kuduk, Jim Wilson, and Janet Wilson. George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, Kentucky, provided a very pleasant, well-lit, and spacious venue.



Linda Wallpe of Cincinnati, Ohio, explains to a show attendee her unique and effective system for transporting miniatures safely to the show. *Photo: Fredrica Lawlor*



Carolyn Cutshall of Underwood, Indiana, prepares collections for entry. *Photo: Fredrica Lawlor*

Kentucky Daffodil Show, Winchester, Kentucky, April 4, 2015



Naomi Liggett of Columbus, Ohio, with her little ones, preparing miniature collections.
Photo: Fredrica Lawlor



Diane Cockerham, Sara Kinne, and JR Blanton cooperate to assemble the ADS banners to prepare for opening the show to the public. *Photo: Fredrica Lawlor*

Kentucky Daffodil Show, Winchester, Kentucky, April 4, 2015



Phyllis Hess, Linda Wallpe, and Suzy Wert share a giggle in a light moment at the show.
Photo: JR Blanton



(At left) Helen Trueblood of Indiana checks her list of entries.

Photo: Becky Fox Matthews

(Below) Youth Best Bloom at Kentucky Daffodil Show April 4, 2015, exhibited by Paisley Hutchison: 'Tête-à-Tête' 12Y-Y

Paisley chose well; this cultivar was granted the Wister award in 2014.

Photo: Tom Stettner



Kentucky Daffodil Show, Winchester, Kentucky, April 4, 2015



First-time winning Quinn collection, exhibited by Lisa Kuduk at Kentucky Daffodil Show, Winchester, Kentucky, April 4, 2015. *Photo: Fredrica Lawlor*

Spring bloom at Cox Arboretum, Dayton, Ohio, April 2015



Finnigan Murray (*left*) and Guinevere Murray (*right*) frolic among the daffodil fields at Cox Arboretum. *Photos: Dawn Murray*



The Quinn Challenge, issued 4/1/2015, by Sara Kinne

When my daffodil mentor Libby Frey passed and her house was closed, I became the recipient of her daffodil memorabilia. This included her sterling silver Quinn medal, pristine, and in its original box. My thought was the ADS Awards Chair could put it to good use but Loyce McKenzie, former editor of The Daffodil Journal and Libby's friend, had a more thoughtful idea: keep the medal in the Midwest Region and award it at the IDS Show in 2015. The IDS Show was Libby's home show for as long as she was an exhibitor. If no first time winner occurs at that 2015 IDS Show, then present it in 2016 at any Midwest show having a first time Quinn winner.

The Carey E. Quinn Award is a collection of 24 standard cultivars and/or species from at least five divisions and this class is open only to ADS members. The perfection of 24 stems in this large collection is stunning and the organization and display of the flowers represents a multitude of talents that the winning exhibitor possesses. It is one of the premier awards at an ADS show.

Kit Walter, of Galion, Ohio, is a first-time Quinn winner! Announced 4/29/2015 by Sara

Libby's Quinn, by Kit Walter and Sara Kinne

I would like to share my story of entering the larger collection categories in a show as an encouragement to our newer exhibitors to consider this challenging forward step. During the 2015 Cleveland, Ohio Daffodil Show held at The Cleveland Botanical Gardens, I was awarded the Quinn Medal. This 24-stem collection required more planning than my usual collection entries of five stems. The rules for showing flowers apply: cleanliness, flat perianths, even cups, good substance and texture, strong stems; colors in the bloom must be bright and clear and conform as to what the hybridizer had registered the flower; and all the parts of the flower need to be in place.

To prepare for the Cleveland Show one of my strategies was to cut quite a few cultivars. I needed more than 24 stems of different varieties for the Quinn Medal as travel and age can take its toll. I also entered and was awarded the Elise Havens Ribbon which was 15 stems more. By the time I was loaded and ready to go to the show I had some 60 different daffodil cultivars, some of which were 5 stems of the same kind.

Daffodils are versatile and you can pick flowers in the perfect state or pick them early in order to get them out of the weather and speed along the blooming process. By placing them in a refrigerator (non frost freeze) you can hold the bloom in its present state. I picked some of mine and put them in the cooler basement about three days ahead of time. Spring weather plays a big role in when to pick your blooms to get them out of the weather and it is always advisable to groom the flowers before being subjected to the the holding process. Clocking by maneuvering a petal segment straight up in the 12 o'clock position is a dangerous process if a bloom has hardened.

Because any of the blooms anywhere in the show can become winners, Dan Bellinger, show chairman, suggested that the best blooms go into collections. Leftover blooms can always be shown in the single categories. My experience completing Judging School in Williamsburg along with clerking at shows helped me learn what criteria the judges are using. To transport the blooms I use glass bottles putting several cultivars in each. To keep the names straight, I put tape on the outside with name, color code, year, hybridizer, and country of origin. Some of the information you may need when exhibiting and any necessary research done ahead of time decreases the stress at the show. Most people mark the cultivar's name on the stem with indelible ink. That stem information doesn't show above the lip of the bottle and I like to assemble my entries directly from the bottle.

Each flower had the final grooming touches as it was staged in a single tube. Beauty of a collection doesn't get points but it definitely makes an impression. Alternating the white-colored daffodils with the yellow is one idea and then stepping back and squinting as you view the total effect. Is the color process balanced? Smaller flowers on the end rows are pleasing if you have a variation in size. Likewise taller stems go in the back row and all flower top points look symmetrical if they are in the same plane line of vision. A recent tip is to view the exhibit from behind for symmetry, color, and flower flaws.

In conclusion, the process of showing my flowers in two large collections taught me more about assembling, viewing, and winning special awards. I received Libby Frey's Quinn medal which looked as if it had never been removed from the award box. The honor of winning this was especially meaningful as I have come to know that she was one of our talented growers from the Midwest region and one of our fiercest competitors.



The Quinn collection by Kit Walter, exhibited at the Western Reserve Daffodil Show, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland, Ohio, April 28, 2015. *Photo: Tom Stettner*

Planting Seeds for Our Future:
Fall Board Meeting and Symposium, October 3-5, 2015, Bloomington, Minnesota

The ADS held the Fall Board Meeting and Symposium October 3-5, 2015, at the Hilton Bloomington West Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota, close by to Minneapolis.

The fun activities included a bulb auction, a sunset dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka, a visit to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and other interesting local sites.

The meeting focused on reexamining the mission statement of the ADS and setting goals for the next 5 to 10 years. The Board met in energizing workshops, with much enthusiasm, to address the question: "What will the ADS be like in the year 2020 and how do we get there?"

The ADS is still looking for input, not only from the Board, but also the general membership. What do you want from your society, and how can we broaden the appeal of the American Daffodil Society?

Midwest Regional Meeting, October 10, 2015, Indianapolis, Indiana

IDS hosted the Midwest Regional meeting on October 10, 2015, at Holliday Park in Indianapolis.

Mike Kuduk presented an in-depth judge's refresher and informational session on daffodil collection entries, including a panel discussion with experienced judges and winning exhibitors.

Under the leadership of Suzy Wert, IDS assembled gift packs of show bulbs for all new ADS members who joined in 2015, and for all first-time attendees to the Midwest Regional Meeting.

The populace elected Mike Kuduk as new Midwest Regional Vice President and Betty Kealiher as new Regional Director.

The Midwest Region continues to uphold a policy of welcoming all to join in the fun, encouraging local club membership, cross-club membership, and eventually ADS membership. We gained new ADS members this year, and we are actively encouraging lapsed members to renew.



Dr. John Morton-Finney
Buffalo Soldiers median project
by Sara Kinne

New ADS member George Hicks of Indianapolis asked if the IDS would help with a public planting project. My answer was “yes” and from there he explained about an inner-city median he had adopted and maintains. Located where an interstate exits a busy intersection, it is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John Morton-Finney, a member of the World War I Buffalo Soldiers. George envisioned adding daffodils to the perennial plantings and from there plans moved forward quickly and a Saturday in November was chosen for planting. Suzy Wert in her dynamo mode consulted with Brent Heath and had IDS purchase bulbs that would provide immediate visual drive-by beauty for the first spring bloom in 2016. Our long time friend, Joe Hamm, donated a wealth of historic bulbs that will prosper; SWODS contributed bulbs; and we used some undersized bulblets of cultivars that are known to be good for naturalizing, knowing that with time everything would multiply and prosper. The day of the planting was sunny and clear and we had a fantastic surprise in that the fill dirt in the median was quality topsoil most likely from farms that had succumbed to urban sprawl. Fourteen people participated and we completed the planting in under three hours. We now wait to see what spring will yield, and truly appreciate what many hands can accomplish.

Photos: Carmon Hicks

Indiana Daffodil Society

The Indiana Daffodil Society has grown into the real powerhouse of the Midwest Region. Under the leadership of IDS President Mary Milberger and past IDS President Ruth Pelouch, IDS has successfully incorporated and achieved 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Jim Wilson and Suzy Wert maintain a very professional and informative website: www.indianadaffodilsociety.org. The group holds regular meetings, and Ka Freeman publishes a truly wonderful newsletter.

Sue Luken coordinates the grow-out beds, particularly at the Libby Frey property, where even the smallest bulblets are treated as investments in the future.

IDS hosted the Midwest Regional Meeting in October, 2015, and also hosted an official Judges Refresher session led by Dan Bellinger in March 2016: "Think Like a Judge (What Judges Look for): Top tips for selecting, grooming, and exhibiting blue ribbon daffodils."

Suzy Wert took the lead to register an intermediate Charles Wheatley seedling, now on Daffseek as 'Sunshine Lollipop' 2YYW-Y, and Suzy has another Wheatley seedling in process for registration.

IDS members serve as docents for tours of the Helen Link Gardens at the Goethe Link Observatory in Martinsville, Indiana. Furthermore, the group is keeping close watch on the development plans for this property, with a commitment to protect and preserve the valuable Link cultivars onsite.

IDS members have contributed many hours of their time and hard work to digging, cleaning, bagging, and tagging bulbs for sales to the public. Sara Kinne and her dedicated bulb sale team have again broken their own records, bringing in over \$7000 in sales, but even more important, getting beautiful and hard-to-find bulbs into the hands of the public.

The success of bulb sales allows IDS to continue and expand their college scholarship program, now offering four in 2016:

\$500 to Hanover College in honor of Dr. Marcella Modisett

\$1000 to Purdue via "Fastweb"

\$1000 to Indiana University (Libby Frey Scholarship)

\$1000 via "Fastweb" (Helen Trueblood scholarship)

IDS also contributed an honorarium of \$500 to the World Daffodil Convention 2016, and the group is also offering a grant for 80% of the registration fee to qualifying active IDS members to attend the World Convention.

Mary Milberger and Suzy Wert will co-chair the national Fall Forum and Board Meeting in Indianapolis in November of 2016, with new ideas to inspire attendance for all ADS members.

The Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden



Bennett Dowling, the Horticulturist of the Civic Garden Center, explains the new daffodil wall.

Photo: JR Blanton

In January 2016, the Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati completed the installation of a new informational daffodil wall to augment the Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden onsite. The wall displays permanent outdoor plaques with tributes to Peggy Macneale and Miggie Jacobs, information on growing daffodils, and detailed descriptions of all the divisions.

This garden is tended in memory of Miggie Jacobs and Peggy Macneale.

From the time she studied landscape design at Vassar College, Margaret "Peggy" Pogue Macneale educated and inspired gardeners. Many who knew and worked with her considered her a mentor. She became the first executive director of the Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati in 1942 and returned later in her life to serve in that capacity once more. In 1971 she founded the local branch of the Daffodil Society and served as an accredited daffodil judge for many years. In 2002, a Division 2 large-cupped white daffodil was named for her.

Margot "Miggie" Balch Jacobs was immersed in horticulture her entire life. She was a member and officer on numerous boards of horticultural organizations. Jacobs served as a Judge for the Garden Club of America and as a daffodil judge for the American Daffodil Society. According to a fellow member of the Southwestern Ohio Daffodil Society, "She was a great gardener and a champion of nature, and blessed with a wry sense of humor."

The cultivar 'Peggy Macneale' 2W-GWW was hybridized by Dr. John Reed and registered in 2002, named for the ADS member whose enthusiasm brought many new daffodil lovers to join the ADS and the local Southwestern Ohio Daffodil Society.



Ellettsville Heritage Trail
Ellettsville, Indiana

Brenda Wampler of Gosport, Indiana, has worked with community groups for the last fourteen months on the Ellettsville Heritage Trail project in Ellettsville, Indiana. Brenda took charge of the daffodil plantings, placing a large order with Brent & Becky's, and accepting bulb donations from Indiana Daffodil Society and Southwestern Ohio Daffodil Society. She designed the placement of the daffodils for the best aesthetics, and supervised the team in planting thousands of bulbs along the trail. The committee is still working toward the trail dedication on June 18, but the daffodils are already up and blooming, ready to greet the public for walks and bike rides.



Photos: Brenda Wampler

Central Ohio Daffodil Society:

The Robbins Hunter Museum in Granville, Ohio, hosted a ground-breaking ceremony on April 18, 2015, for the Jill Griesse Historic Garden to be incorporated into the new landscaping designs. In the summer, Phyllis Hess invited members of CODS (Central Ohio Daffodil Society) to help dig out the daffodil beds in her own yard in Lewis Center, Ohio, where Phyllis had grown numerous unique cultivars obtained from many sources. Phyllis had the dig well-organized with dig lists and bags clearly marked to receive the bulbs of these lovely cultivars to be donated for planting in Jill's Garden. Liz Burchfield and her staff at HRH Landscaping managed the actual plantings at the site in Granville. Phyllis coordinated bulb sales of what was left, and donated the \$800 in profit to CODS.

Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society:

SWODS (Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society) participated in the Tree Carnival on September 26, 2015, at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. Hundreds of children visited the daffodil station; SWODS members gave each child a bag of bulbs and clear instructions on how to plant.

SWODS made other significant donations of bulbs for public planting:

Granny's Garden, Loveland Elementary School

Yealey Elementary School, Monarch Butterfly Way Station, Florence, KY,
assisted by Boone County Garden Club

Civic Garden Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, for landscaping by horticulture staff

Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, Ohio

Jill's Garden, Robbins Hunter Museum, Granville, OH (in memory of Jill Griesse)

Fellows Riverside Garden, Youngstown, OH

Ellettsville Heritage Trail project, Indiana, bulb plantings organized by Brenda Wampler

Indianapolis highway beautification Dr. John Morton-Finney/Buffalo Soldiers project,
organized by new ADS/IDS member George Hicks

New member gift packs at Midwest Regional Meeting October 2015

The generosity of both Dr. John Reed of Oakwood Daffodils in Niles, Michigan, and of Joe Hamm in Washington, Pennsylvania, made this community service possible.



Youth Chair Lisa Kuduk has created a suggested curriculum for school-based daffodil planting projects: "Project Based Learning through Daffodils"

(At left) More than just pretty and fragrant! Daffodils are for touching! A very young visitor to Joe Hamm's ADS Display Garden in Washington, Pennsylvania, explores the tactile quality of historic cultivar 'Polar Ice.'

Oakwood Daffodils: *fabulous* daffodils grown and sold here in the Midwest!!

Oakwood Daffodils of Niles, Michigan, has released the 33rd annual listing of daffodils grown and acclimatized in the Midwest. Dr. John Reed prefaces the catalogue: "I can proudly state that I have the largest collection of Narcissus hybrids both in diversity and quantity, in the United States. I have tried to offer the American gardener and worldwide daffodil lovers the greatest chance of enjoying their favorite flowers. Midwestern daffodils will do better in most of the USA and better than those from other climates and countries. While emphasis is on Midwestern Daffodils, I am listing bulbs from Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom too. ...New garden introductions from my breeding will be offered for the first time this year. Through the years many beautiful, strong growing daffodils have resulted from my breeding efforts, and are being registered/released for their garden qualities for the first time...."

Significant advances in many areas of color, form and size are being made at Oakwood. Last year's advances include a beautiful show quality 1 P-R and a deeply colored show quality 8 Y-R using my hybrids exclusively as parents. I can't wait to share them with you!"

Oakwood Daffodils is also now the source for many of the Mitsch and Haven cultivars that are no longer available from Oregon. Dr. Reed's neighbor and colleague Larry Wier also offers a catalogue of his own cultivars, and some of the Charles Wheatley varieties.

You may go directly to these links:

<http://daffodilusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2016-Oakwood-Daffodils-catalog.pdf>

<http://daffodilusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2016-Larry-Wier-catalog.pdf>



Photo: Cindy Haeffner

Cindy Haeffner of Missouri announced new John Reed seedling on Daffnet, with very unusual color code: pink corona, red cup.

Trumpet 1P-R

Dr. John Reed seedling

Seedling # 2007-87-1

Parentage:

Flaming Silk X (2000-189-1)

(2000-189-1) parentage:

Larry's Gift #2

(Artic Char X Rosewood) X

Reed 87-10-2 (Magician X
Obsession)

Picking daffodils on family farm is fun work! Early spring season in Ohio, March 2016



“Here’s tae us! Wha’s like us?” A little bit of Scottish diaspora in the heart of Ohio. Twins Ailin McFarland and Belle McFarland toast each other with ‘Crewenna’ while helping out in the family business, Beinn Sloidh Farm in Granville, Ohio. Their dad, Drew McFarland, reports: “They love their daffodils. The main thing this year was not to tear the bloom heads off. I only had to tell them once to pick the whole stem and they had it down. I just tell them which patches they are allowed to pick and they go at it and leave others alone. We’ve supplied quite a few 10s and dozens of our daffs to our two usual resellers and to the Granville Inn which takes our miniatures and smaller blooms for their table tops.” *Photo: Drew McFarland*

A gentle plea to novices ... from Membership Chair Sara Kinne
(reprinted from *Narcissus Notes* Spring 2014, Spring 2015)

Please enter at least one flower in a spring daffodil show. Stepping over the threshold to exhibit the first time will increase your awareness of our favorite flower and foster a greater understanding of our daffodil society. This is not the Olympics: you do not have to be accomplished to enter the competition. All you need do is to show up with your flowers (and their cultivar names) during setup time, and someone will help you. Please do not be intimidated by the horticulture divisions within the show schedule. Plenty of willing and knowledgeable people will be there to help you. The staging time can be rather hectic; please arrive early so that we can be sure you get the help you need and enjoy the experience.

Join the American Daffodil Society!

The American Daffodil Society (ADS) is a vibrant organization, with an energetic Board dedicated to the best interests of its members. The society maintains a powerful website (www.daffodilusa.org), including a flower search engine database with photos (Daffseek), online library (DaffLibrary), video and media services (DaffTube), and a discussion forum (DaffNet), all offered to the public in the interest of promoting knowledge and interaction. But *your* membership, with very reasonable dues, helps to support the ADS mission to educate the public about daffodils. You also stand to make fast friends from all over the USA, and indeed from all over the world. Everything you need is at www.daffodilusa.org. Please keep your membership current, or join if you have not already done so. *Come for the flowers, but stay for the fun!*

Future dates for your calendars

Watch for the date and venue to be announced for
ADS Midwest Regional meeting, Fall 2016

November 11-13, 2016

Fall Forum and Board Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana

The Indiana Daffodil Society, celebrating its 60th anniversary, will be your host for the 2016 Fall Forum and Board Meeting (FBM) in Indianapolis, Indiana at the brand new [Hilton Garden Inn Airport](#) hotel. The Fall Forum is a new name for an all-new, all-ADS member event, and although it includes the ADS Fall Board Meeting, it will engage all participants with a bulb auction, a symposium, an experimental fall-blooming daffodil show, and more surprises. ADS President Harold Koopowitz encourages your attendance: “One new event to look forward to. The ADS has agreed to an experiment. We are hoping for a judged autumn daffodil show in Indiana at the FBM. Put it on your calendar and come and experience history in the making.”

And farther into the future:

March 10-12, 2017

2017 ADS National Daffodil Convention, Sacramento, California

Enjoy a beautiful daffodil show, featuring miniature daffodils, visit with featured educational speakers, and enjoy a weekend in the capital of California.

April 5-8, 2018

2018 ADS National Daffodil Convention, greater Nashville area, Tennessee

The Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society will celebrate their 60th anniversary by hosting the ADS National Convention.



At Joe Hamm's Barn daffodil show in April, 2015, daffodil bouquets were offered to the public. Joe's great-niece Tessa Quiroz enjoys the cut flowers with her grandmother Terri Gould.

A few words in closing:

Dear daffodil friends,

Thank you for all your generosity, support, and encouragement in my three years as Midwest Regional Vice President. You are my heroes, for the beauty you bring to the earth with your gardening, and the hope you bring to others in sharing your daffodils.

Very heartfelt thanks to JR Blanton and Donna Blanton of Monroe, Ohio. This newsletter is possible only as a result of JR's patient coaching in digital photography and desktop publishing. Much thanks to Donna for her hospitality and kindness while all the daffodil work is underfoot.

Best of luck and health to you all. *Io sono tuo schiavo!*

Yours in service,

Fredrica Lawlor

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