

American Daffodil Society

2017 Convention Program



March 10-12, 2017
Sponsored by the American Daffodil Society
At the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
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WELCOME TO THE 63rd ANNUAL ADS CONVENTION

The American Daffodil Society welcomes you to the 63rd ADS Convention and National Show in Sacramento – where nearby the discovery of gold in 1848 initiated the 19th century’s worldwide lust for gold – and instant riches. Gold mining is but an occasional activity in the Mother Lode now, but visitors to the region can see the remnants of the mining operations which withdrew fortunes in gold by diverting the stream beds into sluices, and by tunneling into the mountains.

At this National Daffodil Show, enjoy winter-blooming and early spring blooming daffodils that you may have only read about. Here is your chance to see these blooms up close! This is the time of year when it is prime time for Southern and Pacific Regions to have daffodil blooms. There will be new introductions and many daffodils shown under number. Be prepared to see brightly colored miniatures from every division and tazettas with warm rich colors.

Enjoy the flowers, friends, and Sacramento’s gold-rush era ambience.

Thank you for coming!

Nancy Tackett
2017 Convention Chair

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday: Welcoming		
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	ADS Judging School II	Redwood Room
2:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Registration is Open	Foyer California
2:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Staging for Daffodil Show	Salon 1 California Ballroom
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Executive & Finance Committee meeting	Parlor Suite
2:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Photography entries accepted	Salon 4 California Ballroom
Friday: Introducing Sacramento; National Daffodil Show; ADS Business		
From midnight ’til 9 AM	Daffodil staging	Salon 1 California Ballroom
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Registration is open	California Salon 1 Foyer
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Judges Instructions	Redwood Room
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Stewards Instructions	California Salon 4
9:45 AM – 2:00 PM	Optional tour of “Old Town Sacramento”	Hotel Lobby
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Judging of Daffodil Show	California Salon 2, 3, 4
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Judges and Stewards Lunch	Redwood Room
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Daffodil Show Open to Public	California Salon 2, 3, 4
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Outgoing Board Meeting	Redwood Room
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Social Hour	Capital Ballroom Foyer
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner	Capital Ballroom
8:00 PM	Awards Presentation	Capital Ballroom
9:00 PM	ADS General Meeting	Capital Ballroom

Saturday: Education and Enlightenment		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	“What’s Up with the Daffodil World?” Panel Breakfast	Capital Ballroom
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Daffodil Show Open to Public	California Salon 2, 3, 4
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	“Chasing the Wild Daffodil” Steve Hampson	Garden/Terrace Room
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	“Green Leaders” Bob Spotts	Garden/Terrace Room
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch at hotel	Capital Ballroom
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	“Mysteries of DaffLibrary” Lynn Slackman with special guest Fredrica Lawlor	Garden/Terrace Room
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	“New Directions for Breeding Miniature Daffodils” Harold Koopowitz Note: This session is the ADS Judges Refresher at the 2017 National Convention	Garden/Terrace Room
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Tear down show	California Salon 2, 3, 4
5:15 PM – 7:00 PM	ADS Bulb Auction	Capital Ballroom
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Social Hour	Capital Foyer
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner	Capital Ballroom
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Keynote Speaker, Elise Havens with “87 Years – A Family Daffodil Business”	Capital Ballroom

Daylight Saving Time Starts Sunday!
Set your clocks and watches ahead by one hour.

Sunday: Camaraderie		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	“Breakfast with Friends”	California Salon 3 & 4
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	“ADS Internet Improvements” Ben Blake & Nancy Tackett	California Salon 3 & 4
11:00 AM	Pick up box lunch	California Ballroom Foyer
11:15 AM	Board buses and leave for Coloma	California Ballroom Foyer
12:45 PM	Marshall Gold Discovery State Park and panning for gold in the American River	
3:30 PM	Buses leave for hotel	
4:00 PM	Buses arrive back at hotel	
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	Incoming Board Meeting	California Salon 4
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Social Hour	California Ballroom Foyer
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner	California Salon 1 & 2

<i>(Sunday, March 12th continued)</i>		
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM	“Remember When” Richard Ezell	California Salon 1 & 2
9:00 PM	“Invitation to 2018” Susan Basham and Becky Fox Matthews	California Salon 1 & 2
9:15 PM	“Invitation to 2017 Fall Board Meeting” Fredrica Lawlor	California Salon 1 & 2

Monday: <i>Optional Tour</i>		
7:30 AM	Tour to Ironstone Vineyards has been canceled. Paid regis- trants will be reimbursed.	Hotel Lobby

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Old Town Sacramento Tour: Friday’s optional tour will begin by boarding a bus outside the hotel lobby that takes you to Old Town for several hours of relaxation and enjoyment. Old Sacramento is a historic eight-block section of Downtown. The streets were painstakingly raised in the 1860s and 1870s to protect the city from devastating flooding. You’ll be on your own to visit the California State Railroad Museum – America’s finest and most visited railroad museum. There is also the California Automobile and Wells Fargo Museums as well as the Delta King Riverboat which was originally built in Glasgow, Scotland and Stockton, California in May of 1927 and traveled the 10 ½ hour trip between Sacramento and San Francisco

Sunday Gold Discovery Bus Tour: Sunday we will meet down at the California Foyer near the National Daffodil Show sight where we will pick up our box lunch and board the bus to the Gold Country. Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, near Coloma is northeast of Sacramento. This is where it all began – with a nugget taken from the South Fork of the American River by James Marshall in 1848. It led to the ’49 Gold Rush which brought substantial population to California. We’ll enjoy our box lunch and spend a couple of hours enjoying the site. There is a self-guided tour, and you have the opportunity to pan for gold! Just pay \$7 for the pan and keep the pan and all the gold that you find! The Historic Park will give you a chance to experience an important part of California’s history.

KEYNOTE AND CAPSTONE SPEAKERS

Elise Havens: Born and raised on a farm in Oregon, Elise pursued a career in computer programming where she met and married a science teacher by the name of Richard Havens. This match was made in heaven because like Elise, Richard was born and raised on a farm. After the publication of the Mitsch 50th Anniversary Catalog in 1977, Richard and Elise took over her father's highly regarded daffodil business. Elise's father, Grant Mitsch, was the "King of American Daffodils" during his many years of hybridizing. Elise shared her father's goals with breakthrough daffodils in Divisions 5 and 7; split-cups; reverse bicolors; and pinks – especially yellow-pinks.

Elise has been awarded the ADS Gold Medal, honored as a Vice President of Great Britain's The Daffodil Society, and awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's prestigious Peter Barr Memorial Cup. Since 1977, ten of the last twenty daffodils receiving the ADS Pannill Award for exhibition qualities were Mitsch/Havens daffodils. Brian Duncan has called her the 'Queen of Daffodils in her homeland' and 'arguably the world's most outstanding hybridizer.' However, she always insisted that the credit be shared with her recently deceased husband Dick. She is now retired. But is she done? Surely we'll see more from her!

Richard Ezell: The many talents of this American Daffodil Society (ADS) member are known far and wide. Born in Arkansas and now living in Pennsylvania, Richard's years in the ADS have greatly benefited daffodils and daffodil people. In Richard's more than four decades of daffodils he is a well-respected exhibitor, an exceptional Judges Instructor and a sought out mentor. He has held various positions on the Board of Directors including the Presidency of the ADS.

Richard's talents as a public speaker are known and enjoyed around the world with storytelling being his specialty. Some of his stories have been used more than once, for example when he shared his story about the search for the 'Wild Daffodils of Arkansas' no one could forget. People also remember his hilarious and incisive judging school instructions ('the front of the flower is more important than the rear – it's where the cup is'). In the words of one long-time member, "as difficult as it seems, when President he made ADS Board meetings a happy time." Richard is witty, succinct, and realistic.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Steve Hampson: Stephen (Steve) Hampson has a master's degree in horticulture from the Pennsylvania State University and is senior horticulturist at Roger's Gardens, Newport Beach in Southern California. He has been involved with growing and showing flowers for much of his life. He particularly likes to grow daffodils, dahlias, and show sweet peas. He is currently president of the Northern California Daffodil Society. Steve has traveled extensively in the Mediterranean region to study *Narcissus* in the wild and will share some of his travels with us.

Bob Spotts: Bob Spotts was raised in a sunny, hot agricultural area outside of Phoenix, Arizona. He obtained his degree in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley and has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since. He never saw a daffodil (only cactus) until he was nearly forty! But he was captivated by our flower and under the astute tutelage of Sidney DuBose, became a quality grower and hybridizer. He is a past president of the American Daffodil Society and has received both its Gold Medal and Silver Medal.

Lynn Slackman: Lynn Slackman, co-owner of Tenby Technologies, spent over 30 years working primarily in the IT area of large corporations. Lynn has been a docent at the Missouri Botanical Garden for 21 years. Lynn is a past president of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society and is active in lily societies and enjoys growing daffodils and lilies. The beautiful ADS rack cards and new membership brochures are Lynn's contribution as the ADS Publicity Chair. She is also the ADS webmaster and provides technical support for ADS Internet resources.

Harold Koopowitz: Harold Koopowitz is a professor emeritus at the University of California, Irvine. He is interested in flower breeding and is known for his work on miniature daffodils and slipper orchids. He has written numerous books and papers on plants. Harold is a past president of the American Daffodil Society. Harold will discuss his work on breeding color into miniatures as well as discuss judging of these flowers. His talk will count as a Judge's refresher course.

Ben Blake and Nancy Tackett: Ben Blake is a computer engineer with a degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and Nancy Tackett a software delivery manager with a degree from California State University East Bay. Together they created the Internet presence for the American Daffodil Society by establishing the ADS website, Daffnet, DaffSeek, Dafftube, and DaffLibrary. DaffSeek is the most notable of these with over 30,000 daffodils and species, many with photographs, lists of descendants, and parentage pedigree trees.

MEETINGS

Outgoing ADS Board business meeting is at 3:30 PM Friday in the Redwood Room.

Annual ADS Membership Meeting follows dinner on Friday evening.

Incoming ADS Board meets at 4:45 PM Sunday in the California Salon 4.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Organizations

The **Alden Lane Nursery** in Livermore yielded its annual daffodil show weekend to support the 2017 ADS Convention and National Show.

The **Fortuna Garden Club** in Fortuna provided two superior artistic design arrangements. One arrangement adorned the lobby area, and the second arrangement welcomed the public as they entered the National Daffodil Show.

Members of the **Ironstone landscaping staff** in Lodi, California delivered and removed the show properties, provided wedging material for the exhibits, and (after the convention) transported exhibits and photos to Murphys for the show the following weekend.

Northern California members performed essential tasks such as Registration Desk, Show-room Hospitality for public visitors, Bus-tour hosts, and more: **Karen Muir, Bob and Lynn Johnson, Maria Krenek, Janean Guest, Carol Gordon, Rich Hunt, Rosemary Scholz, Marie and Miranda Fay, and Bert Elings.**

Individuals

Rebecca (Becky) Brown, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania designed the panning-for-daffodils logo for the National Show and Convention.

Jolene Laughlin, *ADS Journal* Editor, was understanding of the extraordinary space needed to prepare attendees for the unique format of the Convention.

Nancy Tackett, ADS 1st Vice President coordinated the ADS bulb auction.

David and Robin Jackson donated the Tasmania made cheese board created from local sassafras wood for first place in the Australian collection class.

Harold Koopowitz donated a \$300 gift certificate to the awardee's favorite daffodil bulb vendor for first place in the Tazetta Collection of 9.

Spud Brogden donated a trophy with engraved plaque of a 'Maori Koru' and bulbs of 'Fireonice' 2W-R, 'Sigfried Bauer' 1W-W, and 'Taneka' 1Y-P for first place in the New Zealand collection class, and a bulb of Narelle 2Y-P for each entrant in the New Zealand collection class.

Cathy Felton and Carolyn Hawkins organized ADS Judging School II.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Convention Chair	Nancy Tackett
Convention Vice-Chair	Bob Spotts
Hotel Contacts	Nancy Tackett and Bob Spotts
Registrar	Karen Muir
National Show Chairman	Glenna Graves
Fortuna Garden Club Coordinators	Maria Krenek and Janean Guest
Bus Tours	Bob Johnson
Convention Publications	Kirby Fong
Convention Publicity	Lynn Slackman and Bob Spotts
Webmaster and Social Media	Lynn Slackman



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