

American Daffodil Society, Pacific Region
Regional Newsletter, 19 January 2017

Hello ADS Pacific Region Daffodilers,

Well, the California Daffodil Season is coming next! With my bunch of *viridiflorus* hybrid seedlings poking their tips through the ground, it almost panics me! What if they all bloom in February? That would really screw up my plans for the Spring! Well, what are these Spring plans? There are several events to enjoy:

- (1) [Filoli Garden Club, Daffodil Daydreams, February 24-26](#)
- (2) [ADS Convention and Daffodil Show, March 10-12](#)
- (3) [NCDS Murphys Daffodil Show, Ironstone Vineyards, March 18-19](#)
- (4) [Fortuna Garden Club Daffodil Show, March 25-26](#)
- (5) Oregon Daffodil Society events;

ODS Show, Albany Oregon, March 25-26

ODS Pacific Regional Show, Portland, Oregon, April 1-2

1. Kirby Fong is leading the NCDS effort at [Filoli](#). The NCDS displays daffodils at Filoli's opening Spring weekend. NCDS members at Filoli talk about growing daffodils and answer questions on Friday through Sunday afternoons. Kirby could use additional help for Saturday and Sunday. If you have spare time, call him at (925) 443-3888 (kfong@alumni.caltech.edu)

2. This year, the [ADS Convention and National Daffodil Show](#) has replaced the Livermore Show at Alden Lane Nursery. It will be in Sacramento at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel](#) [with telephone (916) 929-8855]. The ADS Convention will be a memorable event. It provides attendees with delicious lunches and dinners, and brings outstanding speakers (Elise Havens and Richard Ezell on Saturday and Sunday evenings) to entertain and educate the attendees.

The annual National Daffodil Show is the Convention's primary event - you don't have to be an ADS member to enter. The early date of the Show was selected primarily to promote the exhibition of Miniatures, most of which are early cultivars. In the 2017 Show, Harold Koopowitz, Walter Blom, Jon Kawaguchi, Larry Force, Kirby Fong and the ADS southern USA growers will exhibit their seedlings along with named cultivars. It's possible that this could be the largest exhibition of Miniatures ever displayed. In regular (Standard) daffodils, the early date and the location of the Show in 'warm' California will allow the exhibiting of tazettas, most of which cannot be grown successfully in the colder MidWestern and Eastern states. This could be the first exhibition of tazettas that these Eastern/MidWest folks would have seen! Wait until they have seen the recent cultivars released by Bill Welsh! As well, Texas growers, as well as those from California, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and the Carolinas will have their chance to exhibit nationally.

Let's support the ADS by taking our blooming daffodils - whether tazettas or not - to the

Sacramento National Show! The Show could use the display of your blooms - and you could admire ribbons you won at a National Show! If you have flowers available, take them to the ADS Show anytime on Thursday, March 9, or on Friday, March 10 before 9am. You'll find lots of folks there willing to help you to get your blooms appropriately entered. The National Show includes Photography Competition as well as horticulture. If you have photographs - enter them in the Show!

The Horticulture and Photograph Show schedule is online: [2017 National Daffodil Show Schedule](#)

At the National Show, you'll meet folks of great interest! Nancy Tackett and Ben Blake will explain the latest advances they have made with DaffNet and DaffSeek. Steve Hampson (NCDS President) will tell you about and show you daffodil species - coming from his travels around the Mediterranean Sea. Bob Spotts will introduce you to the folks who are putting green into their blooms. Lynn Slackman (Chair of last year's World Daffodil Convention) will unravel the mysteries of the online 'DaffLibrary'. You should decide to stay and enjoy the presentations.

Consider now the possibility of attending the Convention! The link for the Convention is: <http://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/national-convention/2017-national-convention/>

Important dates are:

Hotel room reservations - February 15 (use the code DAF) to assure the nightly rate of \$109)
Convention Registration - February 15 - Attendance fee rises from \$310 to \$325.

There are also optional morning breakfasts - Saturday and Sunday - for folks wanting more time with daffodil friends.

Also on Friday morning there is an optional tour to 'Old Town Sacramento' and on Sunday there is the tour of the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park, where the Gold Rush was initiated with the discovery of gold in 1848!

Finally, on Monday, March 13, there is an optional all day bus tour to Ironstone Vineyards. Sign up for this tour - designed by Ironstone staff! Check: <http://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/national-convention/2017-post-convention-tour-and-ideas/>

For your interest, here's a list of persons associated with the Sacramento Convention:

2017 Convention Chairman: Nancy Tackett, California
2017 National Show Chairman: Glenna Graves, Virginia
2017 Convention Registrar: Karen Muir, California
2017 Convention Judges Chairman: Dianne Mrak, New Hampshire
2017 Convention Photography Chairman: Teri Carter, Washington
2017 Convention Clerks Chairman: Lisa Kuduk, Kentucky
2017 Convention Properties Managers: Larry Ringland and Kirby Fong, California
2017 Convention Activities: Bob Spotts and Nancy Tackett, California
2017 Show Schedule: Nancy Tackett, Kirby Fong and Bob Spotts, California
2017 Show Classification Chairman: Janet Hickman, Virginia
2017 Show Tabulation: Lynn Slackman, Illinois
2017 Show Arrangement: Fredrica Lawlor, Ohio; Bill Carter, Washington;
2017 Show Placement: Mike Kuduk, Kentucky
2017 Commercial Exhibits: Becky Fox Matthews, Tennessee
2017 ADS Awards: Margaret Macneale, Minnesota

2017 Vendors Manager: Suzanne Worsham, Virginia

3. [The Mother Lode Daffodil Show at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys](#) is the weekend after the ADS Convention, March 18-19. We'll need blooms!! So, fridge all the blooms you can and bring them to Ironstone Show on Friday, March 17 or on Saturday, March 18 before 9am. We'll have folks (perhaps including yourself) to help you get your blooms into the show. The NCDS website is at: <http://www.daffodil.org/> . The link to the 2017 Show Schedule is: <http://www.daffodil.org/pdf/2017%20NCDS%20Show%20Schedule%20Final.pdf> .

We plan on bundling all healthy blooms from the National Show and sending them to Ironstone when we disassemble the National Show in Sacramento. We'll do the same with photographs! Liz Tan has accepted the job of Photography Chair at the Ironstone Show. So, take your photos to Sacramento or to Ironstone. Check the Murphys Show schedule - you can mail photos to me (Bob Spotts) if necessary.

[The Murphys Show weekend is the 50th Anniversary of the NCDS](#). Plan on attending the Saturday evening dinner of celebration at the Camps Restaurant at Greenhorn Creek in Angels Camp.

The blooms coming from the Sacramento Show must be screened and either entered or discarded. We'll need extra volunteers on Friday for that task. Come on up and pitch in. Make your motel reservations now! Please let me know you'll be there to help.

4. The [Fortuna Garden Club's lovely Daffodil Show](#) follows on the next weekend, March 25-26. This show is in the River Lodge Conference Center on the Eel River in Fortuna, an appealing structure especially built to house such events. The Show specializes in Artistic Designs - and youngsters. Bring your daffodils to show; then enjoy the room of incredible creations by high school students and artistic craftsmen. There is a Saturday night daffodil group dinner. The event Chair is Janean Guest at janean@shovelcreek.com , (707) 498-3241.

5. Daffodils in Oregon are currently under snow. The weather there is savage! The two shows there will gain from the outcome of this Winter. If you are able to visit, expect to see large, healthy flowers!

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PS. Anna Rawls (from Antioch) passed. We'll remember her at the Saturday evening group dinner in Angels Camp.

PPS. In case you wish to contact me to ask questions about events or to add/correct items, please send to my email address. Don't reply to this ADSPacReg mailing.