

NORTHEAST REGION

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY

SPRING/SUMMER 2017

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MESSAGE FROM RVP REBECCA BROWN

It is with personal sadness that I report to you the death of Barbara Peshkin, one of our Regional Directors. She was active for many years in the Tuscarora Group; a hard worker as well as a cheerful exhibitor. I was eager to be working with her on our Regional activities, but she passed away unexpectedly on October 20, 2016. We will miss her positive approach to life in general and daffodils in particular.



SHOWS IN OUR REGION IN 2017

This year, there are more shows than usual in the Northeast. Even if you do not choose to exhibit, I encourage you to attend a show near you. It will be a good chance to see new, or old, cultivars as well as become acquainted with other daffodil lovers. You might slip a fresh bloom in your car and surprise yourself by deciding to enter the show. A ribbon could await you! I will list the shows in chronological order. Further information is in the December issue of THE DAFFODIL JOURNAL.

April 15-16 Devon, PA contact Don Caton 610-269-0794

April 20 Rye, NY contact Cheryl Adler 203-209-4171

April 22 Shelter Island, NY contact Dianne Bowditch 631-466-2076

April 22-23 Chambersburg, PA contact Richard Ezell 717-334-2304

April 29 Pittsburgh, PA contact Stephen Plato 412-478-7865

April 29-30 Washington, PA contact Joe Hamm 724-345-3762

THE PROBLEM OF DAFFODIL FOLIAGE IN MAY

You may wonder why to worry about those dying leaves now when we are eagerly anticipating the beautiful blooms, but time passes quickly, and this is not a topic for fall.

We all have heard that we must keep the foliage on the bulb for 6 weeks after harvesting the flowers. It is nature's way of insuring a healthy bloom (or more, if you are lucky) the following year. So the solution is to hide the yellowing foliage, or to direct the observer's eye elsewhere.

In my little plots, I have discovered two eager friends anxious (sometimes too anxious) to help me cover the ground. One is Forget-me-nots and the other is Feverfew.



Feverfew

Once you have grown the initial plants, the key is not to weed too thoroughly in the spring, because they both reproduce via seed and grow biannually. Of course you must be helpful on the other end and not pluck their spent summer flowers so they can further seed themselves. This is not very beautiful, but not as unsightly as dying daffodil leaves. It is a trade-off that works for me.

Johnny-Jump-Ups (Violas) can work in this same way, and of course day lilies are spectacular at diverting the eye.

I will close with two rather boring (what we want) photos of my eager friends.



Forget-me-nots

Please send me your email address if you received this via snail mail and are willing to share. It saves time and money. Rebecca