

Garden Club spotlights special Daffodil Delight

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The Gettysburg Garden Club, through its Yard of the Month Committee, has announced the second feature of the Spotlight garden series. Spotlight focuses on a special, unique property occasionally throughout the year. This Spotlight shines the light on the property of Betsy and Jon Griffiths of 1951 Herr's Ridge Rd. and their Daffodil Delight!

The Griffiths's garden got its roots in Chambersburg in the early 1960's, when Betsy's father, general practitioner Dr. William Bender, started breeding daffodils. He spent 30 years growing the seeds, hand selecting the best pollen to cross breed with the best stamen of another cultivar. After a 7-year wait, he would find out if that seed produced the desired results. He was successful, several times, winning the American Daffodil Society's silver and gold medals, and the prestigious William Pannill Award. According to the American Daffodil Society, Inc., the William Pannill Award is given in recognition of a named standard daffodil which has demonstrated winning show qualities for a minimum of five years following registration. His cultivars "Conestoga," "POPS Legacy," and "Tuscarora" were all acknowledged in this way.