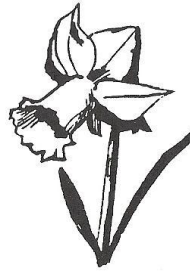


ADS YOUTH NEWS



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Free Book and Bulbs!

Congratulations on your free daffodil book, Daffodils for American Gardens, donated by Brent and Becky Heath of **Brent and Becky's Bulbs** in Gloucester, Virginia. Brent and Becky grow and sell bulbs of all kinds and hybridize new varieties of daffodils. One book is being sent to each family with Youth members in the American Daffodil Society. A package of daffodils bulbs to plant will soon be sent to each Youth member, so keep an eye on your mailbox for your bulbs coming soon! You can use this advance notice to plan a place to plant your bulbs.

One bulb of each of the following daffodils will be sent to each ADS Youth member. These bulbs are from the generous donation of **Dutch Gardens**.



'Ara', 6 W-Y, is a division 6 or cyclamineus daffodil with white petals and a yellow cup. This division has swept-back petals, a characteristic of the cyclamineus daffodil species. (A **species** is one of the original wild daffodils.)



'Lemon Beauty', 11b W-Y/W, is a division 11 or

split-cup daffodil. The "b" means that the splits of the cup line up with the splits of the back petals of the flower. Lemon Beauty has white petals. A cup color written as Y/W means the colors of the cup do not fall in the usual circular pattern from the inside of the cup to the outside, but are more striped or mixed.



'Mount Hood', 1 W-W, is a historic daffodil registered in 1938. Historic daffodils are those registered or known to exist before the year 1940. These pre-1940 daffodils can be entered in special classes for Historics in ADS shows.



'Intrigue', 7 Y-W, is a division 7 or jonquil. Jonquils tend to have small, flat petals and are usually fragrant. Y-W is a color code called a **reverse bicolor**, with all yellow or mostly yellow petals and an all white or mostly white cup. A special class in ADS shows allows for the entry of a collection of five different Reverse Bicolors.

There is no photo yet on DaffSeek for 'Goblet', 1 W-Y. If you photograph your bloom next spring, submit your photo to bfoxmatt@united.net and I will submit it to DaffSeek with your name listed as the photographer.

When your bulb package arrives, one more bulb will be included for each Youth member. The sixth bulb will have a label (as will the other five bulbs) and will be one of the following daffodils:

'Cool Shades', 'Crystal Pink', 'Goldfinger', 'Loch Owskeich', or 'Newcomer'. If you have internet access to find out more information on the one you receive at www.daffseek.org.

These bulbs are ones given to me when I joined a group of friends this summer digging daffodils at John Reed's **Oakwood Daffodils** in Niles, Michigan. John Reed hybridizes, grows, and sells many daffodils. Enjoy planting and growing your six new daffodil bulbs! Labels in the garden are sometimes accidentally moved or lost, so even if you label your daffodils, it is still a good idea to keep a separate map and list of your daffodils. It is fun to remember the names of your daffodils!

Planting & Growing Tips

- ★ Choose a well-drained, sunny location to plant your bulbs.
- ★ Plant bulbs about 6 inches apart, pointy end up.
- ★ Plant daffodils 3 times the height of the bulb. If the bulb is 2 inches tall, plant it in the bottom of a 6 inch deep hole.
- ★ Plant when the soil temperature has cooled to 54 degrees or cooler.
- ★ When planting bulbs, you can add a small amount of low nitrogen fertilizer to the soil, such as 5-10-10, but be sure to add a layer of soil between the fertilizer and the bulb. The fertilizer should not touch the bulb. Bone meal is not recommended, though it is a bulb fertilizer you will often see in stores.
- ★ Daffodil beds should have good drainage. Correct bad drainage by adding lots of coarse sand to the soil or by planting in raised beds.
- ★ Water your bulbs after planting; flowers will be best if plants receive one inch of water each week from the time when leaves appear to flowering.
- ★ Mulch your beds to 1) keep weeds from sprouting and growing, 2) keep soil temperature cooler in summer and warmer in winter, 3) keep soil moist, and 4) help prevent dirt spots on blooms.

Youth Opportunity

If you would like a free 10 Year Membership in ADS, start to work today on an application for the new ADS Youth Award for Outstanding Achievement!

The award will fund one 10 Year Membership in the ADS each year for one qualified ADS Youth member. The award is open to current ADS Youth members in grades 5-12 who have held ADS membership for at least two consecutive calendar years prior to receiving the award.

The Youth member must grow and maintain a personal collection of daffodils; no minimum number of cultivars is required.

The following materials must be included:

1. An essay of any length, in your own words, to explain how your daffodil collection began
2. A statement, in your own words, relating what you enjoy about growing daffodils
3. Ten photographs of your own daffodil collection. These photographs must include:
 - a. one example of an individual bloom
 - b. one example of a garden view which includes a part of your daffodil collection

The remaining photographs may be daffodil photos of your own choosing.

If the Youth member reaches the age of 21 before the 10 year award is completed, the award translates into an individual adult membership for the remainder of the 10 year period. A Youth member can only receive this award one time.

All materials (essay, statement, and photographs) should be mailed to the current ADS Youth Committee chairman, postmarked no later than February 1 of the year in which the award selection will be announced. Youth members, if it is too late for you to apply this year, start taking photographs in the spring to prepare to enter next year!

Send applications to:
Becky Fox Matthews
1006 Waller Rd.
Brentwood, TN 37027

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Division 11: Split-Corona Daffodils



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A split-corona daffodil has a cup
split usually for more than half of its length.

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