

Happy Birthday, America!

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This month there's not much to do with your daffodils, unless you're digging some for one reason or another. So let's take a little virtual "daffodil" tour around the country. Since 'Independence Day' comes this month, 'All American's are heading out to celebrate.

Some of us may be heading to one of our National Parks, like 'Yosemite', where we'll see 'El Capitan' as well as Half Dome and all the many sights. If we're lucky, we might enjoy a peaceful sunset at 'June Lake'. Is thermal activity what you want to see? Then how about a visit to 'Yellowstone' to see 'Old Faithful' and all the other geysers and mudpots? Then on to Jackson Hole and the Grand Teton Mountains.



If you're staying closer to home, out west you might take the 'Young American's and head to 'Pismo Beach' to find a nice 'Sandy Cove' and take a dip in the 'Silver Surf'. Or maybe a trip to 'Las Vegas' suits your fancy. I'd rather head for 'Lake Tahoe' and enjoy the water. 'No Worries' there.

How about the southwest? While the Grand Canyon is awesome and spectacular, 'Bryce Canyon' has a beauty all its own. The pinnacles and spires in magnificent colors provide their

own spectacle.



Or, we could head south, for some good old 'Southern Hospitality'. We could head for the 'American Shores' or head over to 'Williamsburg' to see what 'Life' was like in colonial times. If time at a spa sounds like a perfect holiday to you, then either the 'Greenbrier' in 'West Virginia' or the 'Homestead' in Virginia would fit the bill. You could sit on the verandah and sip a 'Mint Julep'. They're not just for 'Derby' day, you know!

Or how about sipping a 'Daiquiri' on board the 'Delta Queen' as she meanders down the river? What could be more 'Peaceful'?



Here in 'Milford', 'Ohio', outside the 'Queen City', I think I'll sit back and relax, and be thankful for the 'Good Life' we're privileged to enjoy.

As you have probably figured out by now, the place names in 'single quotes' are also the names of daffodils.



The photos, from top to bottom are: 'Independence Day' 4 W-R; 'June Lake' 2 W-GYP; 'Young American' 1 YYW-WWY; 'Sandy Cove' 2Y-GWP; 'Las Vegas' 1 W-Y; 'Southern Hospitality' 4 Y-R; and 'American Shores' 1 Y-P.

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