



# NARCISSUS NOTES

## NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST REGION

Fall, 2010

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### MIDWEST SHOWS 2011

**April 2: Jeffersonville, IN**  
**Kentucky Daffodil Society/Indiana Growers South**  
Contact: Sue Bartle, 107 Nashua Dr., Clarksville  
IN, 47129; (812) 945-8219; [suebartle@att.net](mailto:suebartle@att.net).  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church,**  
321 East Market St., Jeffersonville IN, 47130.

**April 9-10: Cincinnati, OH**  
**Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society**  
Contact: Linda Wallpe, 1940 Gregory Lane, Cincinnati,  
OH 45206; (513) 221-4140; [LWallpe@gmail.com](mailto:LWallpe@gmail.com)  
**Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden,** 3240 Vine St,  
Cincinnati, OH (because of construction: building TBA);

**April 13-14: Indianapolis, IN**  
**Indiana Daffodil Society**  
Contact: Sara Kinne, 8899 Baby Creek Rd., Bloomington  
IN 47408; (812) – 332-5603; [skinne@kiva.net](mailto:skinne@kiva.net).  
**Nature Center at Holiday Park,**  
6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis IN 46260.

**April 16-17: Columbus, OH**  
**Central Ohio Daffodil Society**  
Contact: Phyllis Hess, 3670 E Powell Rd, Lewis Center,  
OH 43035; (614) 882-5720; [daffphyll@hotmail.com](mailto:daffphyll@hotmail.com);  
**Franklin Park Conservatory,** 1777 E Broad St,  
Columbus, OH.

**April 16-17: Youngstown, OH**  
**Fellows Riverside Gardens Daffodil Show**  
Contact: Keith Kaiser, (330) 740-7116 Ext. 205;  
[keith@millcreekmetroparks.org](mailto:keith@millcreekmetroparks.org).  
**Fellows Riverside Gardens,**  
123 McKinley Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509

**April 24-25: Cleveland, OH**  
**Western Reserve Daffodil Society**  
Contact: Dan Bellinger, 341 Akron Road, Wadsworth,  
OH 44281; [Cuyahoga@neo.rr.com](mailto:Cuyahoga@neo.rr.com)  
**Cleveland Botanical Garden,**  
11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106

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## **Midwest Region Fall Meeting Saturday, October 23, 10:00 to 2:00**

The regional meeting for the ADS Midwest region will be held on Saturday, October 23, from 10 to 2, at the home of Regional Director Jill Griesse, 2640 North Street, Granville OH 43023. Telephone (513)-221-0981.

In addition to reports from the clubs in our region, there will be two informative sessions.

- **Morning Session:** Regional Director and world-class hybridizer Dr. John Reed will speak on “The Importance of Goals in Breeding Daffodils.” Dr. Reed’s newest introductions, such as 2009 National Best-in-Show, Millennium Perfection 1Y-Y, are the result of goals he set 35 years ago. Guy Wilson, Murray Evans and Grant Mitsch also had definite long-term goals which guided their hybridizing.
- **Afternoon Session:** Miniature Update, with former ADS Executive Director and Past-President Mary Lou Gripshover.

### **What to bring:**

- A covered dish, salad, or dessert for the lunch.
- Bulbs for the bulb exchange. (Also feel free to bring any divisions or seeds from your perennial gardens.)

### **Directions:**

From Columbus, Indianapolis, or Cincinnati: Granville is ENE of Columbus. Take I-70 east to Exit 126; then drive north on State Route 37 (Lancaster Road) towards Granville. Lancaster Road becomes State Route 661 at the interchange with State Route 16 just south of Granville. Stay on 661N (Lancaster Road, South Main, East Broadway, North Pearl, then North St.) through the town of Granville. The Griesse’s home is about a mile north of town, on the right side of the road.

From the east: Take I-70 West towards Columbus. At Exit 126, follow the instructions above.

## **New Members in 2010 Midwest Region**

Contact them, invite them to a show, meeting, or just over for coffee to see your daffodil patch. You can never have too many daffodil and gardening friends! New members, come to our regional meeting and make new friends and learn more about daffodils and our shows and projects. New members always leave with extra daffodils.

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## DAFFODIL RESCUE

By Kim Love-Ottubre  
Newcomerstown OH

I think I would consider the daffodil my favorite spring flower. The sunny yellow is always a cheering sight to view in the greening grass, after the tan bleakness or white snow of winter. As a gardener, I really appreciate the flower. It divides and spreads on its own, and critters do not eat daffodils.

As a runner, it's always been fun to look over at the side of the road, or out into the woods, and discover a patch of daffodils. Daffodils mean civilization. Daffodils growing in the woods mean someone planted them there. Usually, if you look closely, you will see the remains of a house, or a foundation.

Last week, as the greens started to show, I decided I would go on a daffodil scavenging hunt. These daffodils were planted by someone--probably long ago. How long? In some instances, where I scavenged, I would bet these houses have been gone for fifty years or longer. Who planted the daffodils? Some farm wife? Where did she get them? From her mother? her sister? Did a child bring home some bulbs from school?

My little mission started sooner than I thought. I was out for a trail run, when the yellow caught my eye. I immediately diverted off trail to investigate.

I found a little gem:



I was expecting the ubiquitous big yellow trumpet daffodil, and found this. It has kind of a split cup, almost like a double daffodil. I don't think this is that common of a daff--and this whole grove was made up of these!

I continued on my run, and sure enough, a few miles down the trail, another patch of yellow caught my eye. I had to look carefully, but I could find the old stones of the foundation.



It was a little difficult to dig a small clump of bulbs up-with my fingers and a stick. But I managed to get some bulbs and stuffed them into my running pack.



The next location was from the road. On one of my back country roads, I could see the old chimney from the road. I had even thought to myself, "There's daffodils down there".



A road cut to a natural gas well made it much easier to traverse through the multi-flower rose brambles, and I procured more bulbs. Although this time I had a trowel with me, it would have been far easier if I had brought a shovel!



The last location I checked was more of a hunch. As I run down this road, I can see the remains of the house-which, I think sometime later, was torched. I investigated, and sure enough! Daffodils!!



The daffodil bulbs have been planted in some pots, and have been moved to the front porch. Some have bloomed, so I know what type they are. There are others which are just like a newly purchased book-you aren't quite sure what is inside, but can't wait to find out!



## E-Mailing the Regional Newsletter

To save postage and printing costs, I am emailing this newsletter to all members for whom I have an email address. The format is a Word document. If you are receiving this newsletter by snail-mail, and you have an email address, please email me your email address so we can update your membership records and begin communicating with you by email. My email address is [Cuyahoga@neo.rr.com](mailto:Cuyahoga@neo.rr.com).

If you prefer to get a hard copy of this newsletter (even if you have e-mail), please let me know that also. My home phone is (330) 336-6314, and my cell is (330) 608-4882.

## ADS Website

If you haven't checked the website lately, be sure to do so: [www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org). New resources are added all the time and you will also note that you can now make purchases of ADS publications and merchandise online using a credit card. You will also find lists of ADS approved miniatures, suggested intermediates, the Pannill and Wister lists, a Pocket Guide to Daffodils, and Daffodil Coloring Pages.

The link to Daffseek is also especially valuable and Ben Blake and Nancy Tackett continue to add more and more photos to the database as well as some new features that will blow you away. Check it out!

## ADS Dues Reminder

Effective July 1, 2009, we converted to an annual dues renewal date of JULY 1. By this time, most members should be on the new schedule for dues payments. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Director Please renew by sending your check, made payable to ADS, to Jaydee Ager, Executive Director, PO BX 522, Hawkinsville, GA 31036-0522; [jager@dishmail.net](mailto:jager@dishmail.net); (478) 783-2153. **Important note:** You can also renew at our ADS web store: [www.daffodilusastore.org](http://www.daffodilusastore.org).

## In Memorium

SWODS member and ADS Past-President (2000-2002) Peg Newill died on July 17. Linda Wallpe writes:

Peg Newill was a gracious, dignified lady who was devoted to her family and interests. She was a SWODS member since 1976. We were fortunate to have had her as a member, as she gave measured counsel.

Together with husband Bill, they were nearly always at meetings and shows. They were a good team. At the Louisville, KY show in 2000, she won Best-in-Show. I still recall the look of happiness on her face, and the pride on Bill's face, delighting in her success.

Others must speak to Peg's [other] Garden club activities in Dayton and beyond, but I know that here in Cincinnati her great laugh and lovely presence will be missed.

**ADS MIDWEST REGION ELECTIONS**

**Nominees for Regional Vice President, Regional Director and member of the ADS National Nominating Committee are:**

**For Regional Vice President, term of 2 years ending 2013:**

**Dan Bellinger, Wadsworth, OH**

**For Regional Director, term of 3 years ending 2014:**

**Tom Stettner, Cincinnati, Ohio**

**For member of the ADS National Nominating Committee:**

**Mary Lou Gripshover**

**Mark your ballot and mail it to Phyllis Hess, 3670 E. Powell road, Lewis Center, OH 43035-9530. If you are not concerned about anonymity, you may email your vote to Phyllis at [phess1@insightrr.com](mailto:p Hess1@insightrr.com).**