Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society
Newsletter
February 2010

The **Northeastern North Carolina Daffodil Society** Spring meeting of the NE NC Daffodil Society will be on **Saturday, February 27, 2010** at 9:30 am until 12:00 noon at the Currituck Extension Agency facility, 160 Community Way off the intersection of U.S. Rte 158 and Aviation Parkway, Barco, NC, 27941.

Spring Meeting Program: We are going to have a double program at the spring meeting. We will have our normal meeting that includes a demonstration and practical exercise of entering daffodils into the show and a second part of the meeting starting at 11:00am that has to do with Design. Laura Anne Brooks from Designs from Dunluce, King William, VA, will be there to teach the methods constructing a design and entering the design section of the daffodil show. A Press Release of the Design Class is included with this newsletter.

The 2010 Spring meeting has a busy schedule this year, along with our normal business meeting Clay & Fran Higgins will lead a demonstration of how to prepare and enter daffodils into the show. The question often asked is "What makes a show daffodil different from other daffodils?" We hope to answer that question, along with a demonstration and instructions on which daffodils to pick in the garden and how to "groom" them for the show. Each person attending is requested to bring two or three daffodils.

Note: In our 2010 show we are going to have an introduction to entries for **Photography Section**. Take your pictures related to daffodils and enter into the show. The **Photography Section** is outlined in the 2010 Show Schedule.

There are only a few short days between this meeting and our spring daffodil show on March 20, 2010. One of the reasons for having it now is to give individual members the time to prepare before the show. We would like to have everyone to come to the show and bring their daffodils. Show schedules will be available for members at the meeting.

The 2010 Daffodil Show: You don't have to be a member to put daffodils into the NE NC Daffodil Society Show. Bring them during the exhibition entry hours 7:30am to 9:00am March 20th and someone will help you enter the daffodils.

Most of you will place your daffodils in the small growers and youth sections of the 2010 daffodil show schedule. Therefore not having to compete with Fran and Clay and other experienced showers and the judges from Virginia.

We have continued our tradition of bringing unknown daffodils and entering them into the show. If they are identified before the show judging starts, the daffodils will be labeled with names and entered into appropriate categories. If not identified, they will still be entered into the show in the Unknown Category and hopefully the judges can suggest a name.

Most of all, we want to have fun and have a pleasant day.

Minutes from the Fall 2009 NE NC Daffodil Society Meeting.

The **Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society** met on October 24, 2009 at the Coinjock Ruritan Club, Coinjock, NC, with 32 members present.

The meeting was called to order by Clay Higgins the Organizing Chairperson at about 10:10 A.M. Mr. Higgins recognized the members and introduced some new members. He then talked about the successful NE NC Daffodil Society's first show on March 21, 2009 at the new Currituck County Extension Facility, and announced the 2010 show for March 20 at the same facility. The daffodil show will be an annual event.

Bob Darling who has been the Chairman of the Washington Daffodil Society and the National Chairman for the Photography section in American Daffodil Society shows made a presentation about daffodils and the photograph section. It is his influence and the request to start a photograph section in our show that caused us to include photography in the 2010 show. Bob made an excellent presentation on daffodils and donated some bulbs to the Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society.

During the meeting, it was announced that a spring meeting will be held before the 2010 NE NC Daffodil Society

Show. The tentative date was set as February 27, 2009, with location TBD.

A raffle was held for some early show quality bulbs donated by the Northeast NC Daffodil Society and Clay and Fran Higgins.

Those members and master gardeners that worked in the 2009 show were given bonus bulbs for helping out. As well as those members that help dig many of the bulbs at Clay & Fran's garden that was given away at our fall exchange.

The bulb exchange followed with bulbs that had been accumulated by Clay and Fran Higgins and some contributed by Bob Darling, Susan Appel and others. All members obtained a dozen or more show quality bulbs.

The meeting adjourned with a Pot Luck Lunch that was provided by the members of NE NC Daffodil Society.
Signed: Clay Higgins Chairman

Message from the Chairman Northeast NC Daffodil Society:

Fran and I, thank the NE NC Daffodil Society members, the Master Gardener Volunteers of Currituck,, and any and all persons that helped make our show successful in 2009. We look forward to the 2010 show and thank you in advance for supporting again in 2010. Thanks everyone.

Thing to do in February. It's still a little cold but this is a good time to fertilize your daffodils with a low nitrogen fertilizer. On the fertilizer bags, the numbers like 5-10-5 are indicated. Remember the first 5 is nitrogen. I usually supplement my fertilizer by adding potash which is the last of the three numbers. A five pound bag of Potash mixed with 40 lbs of 5-10-5 will yield around 5-10-21/22. Some use ashes from their fireplaces as both are essentially Potash. Start watering your daffodils as soon as you can after the freezing season is over.

Volunteers: We still need a number of our members to volunteer during the March 20, 2009 show and we are willing to train anyone that is willing give us a few hours during the show time. Come, join the fun! Jan needs volunteers to work with the judges as "Clerks" on Saturday morning from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Instructions will be given prior to the judging. She also needs other volunteers to help out at the show.
Respectfully submitted: Clay Higgins

Pot Luck Lunch: The spring meeting will run late. Everyone is asked to bring light snacks (to serve 5 or 6) of their favorite food to share with others. Finger food only, please.

NE NC Daffodil Society Organization: The NE NC Daffodil Society welcomes as many members as possible to participate in our organization. We have a number of positions in the organization that we would like to have staffed by our members.

Show Committee: The show committee is the steering committee for the Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society. There are actually few duties for the Show Committee except for the planning for the show and our meetings.

The most important time that the show committee will be required is on the show days Friday, and Saturday. The most important show day is Saturday prior to and during the judging to prepare for public viewing. **Only the Show Committee, judges and clerks are allowed in the show hall during the judging.**

The show committee will also be included in conference calls and exchange of information on the show, schedule and show support. At this point our show committee consists of:

- Clay Higgins – program and judge's chairperson.
- Jan Perry-Weber program co-chair and clerks chairperson.
- Fran Higgins judges' luncheon and show hostess.
- Susan Appel awards chairperson.
- We need two more people to volunteer to do Classification (Exhibit Entry Validation) and to assist the program chairperson with exhibits and administration.

Daffodil Show 2010 – March 20
See you at our next show on March 20, 2010 in the Auditorium in the new County Extension Agency facility located at 120 Community Way, Barco, NC, off of US Route 158 at Aviation Parkway. Friday, March 19th will be the show set-up date starting at 1:00pm.

Directions to the Spring Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society Meeting: At the intersection of State Route 168 and US. Route 158 in Barco, NC, go west toward Elizabeth City for 1 9/10 mile, just as you pass the elementary school, to the entrance to Aviation Parkway on US Route 158. If coming north on US Route 158 turn left (stay on Route 158) in Barco at the intersection of Route 168 to Aviation Parkway on your right.

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Those attending the spring Daffodil Society meeting on February 22, 2010, please RSVP: to Clay & Fran Higgins, P.O. Box 369, Harbinger, NC 27941 using the form below: or call (252) 491-9268 and leave a message; or send an email to Clay and Fran at chiggins@comcast.net.

Please send the completed form to Clay & Fran Higgins, NE NC Daffodil Society, P.O. Box 369, Harbinger, NC 27941.

YES. I (We) plan to attend:

NAME(s) of those attending: _____

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Street and/or P.O. Box: _____

City/Town: _____State:_____ Zip Code_____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE:_____

EMAIL (Requested when available):_____

Number attending: _____

Those that want to attend and are not already members please fill out this form and return it for your reservation. Membership dues for October 2009 to October 2010 are due at this time. Please see the next page.

See you on February 27th.

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Membership Form

The **Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society** was formed for the advancement of daffodil horticulture. Our daffodil society is sponsored by the American Daffodil Society organized in 1954, and co-sponsored by the Master Gardener Volunteers of Currituck County in association with the Currituck County Agriculture Extension Agent. Clay and Fran Higgins, the initial organizers, have been associated with Northeastern North Carolina and the Outerbanks since 1948 and own property there in Southern Shores.

Membership dues are minimal, but they help pay postage and other things like printing and show costs that the Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society has to pay from time to time. **Those attending the annual fall meeting and bulb exchange will more than receive their membership dues back in daffodil bulbs**.

If you are interested in the NC Daffodil Society or learning more about daffodils, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page and send to us at the following address:

Sincerely,

Clay & Fran Higgins

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Membership Form:
Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society

Annual membership dues are $10.00 for individuals; $12 for household (family). With membership, you received the Northeastern NC Daffodil Society Newsletter (three annually), the schedule to the NE North Carolina Daffodil Society Daffodil Show, The NE NC Daffodil Show itself, opportunity to participate in the annual Fall bulb exchange, daffodil seminars and horticulture programs, and you provide support to the Northeast NC Daffodil Society projects.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE:_____

EMAIL (required where available):_____

NEW MEMBER: YES or NO

Enclosed is $10.00 ____Individual: $12.00 ____Family
Membership renewal date is October 2009. Please send this completed form and your check payable to Clay Higgins, to P.O. Box 369, Harbinger, NC 27941 (or bring it to the Spring meeting).

Phone (240) 632-0002 for our home in Maryland until we get moved. Email Clay or Fran at: chiggins@comcast.net.