

Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society

Newsletter

September 2011



Fall 2011 Meeting: The Fall meeting of the Northeast NC Daffodil Society will be on **Saturday, October 29, 2011** at 10:00am at the Currituck County Extension Facility, 120 Community Way, Barco, NC. Please RSVP to Clay & Fran @ (240) 632-0002 and leave a message, or contact Jan Perry-Weber at (252)232-2262 or send an email to Clay and Fran @ chiggins@comcast.net, or use the mailer on the back page so that we can get a count of those coming.

Fall Meeting Program: The fall meeting will be our normal meeting schedule, a speaker, a raffle, and the a bulb exchange/give away, and a pot-luck lunch.

Speaker: We have as our guest speaker Mitch Carney, the Intermediate Chairman of American Daffodil Society (ADS) and Kate Carney, the Youth Chairman for the ADS. They are both new to our NENCDS even when Mitch has been a supporter of our show from the very beginning. Mitch will talk about and give a presentation on the Intermediate Daffodils and how to show them. Kate Carney will make a presentation on the ADS youth program.

Raffle: We will have our usual bulb raffle of some very good (read that expensive) bulbs that you can take a chance on for a \$1.00 donation. The donation supports our NENCDS mailings and efforts to bring quality judges to our show.

Bulb Exchange: At the end of the fall meeting there will be a Bulb Exchange and Giveaway again this year. Anyone that has named bulbs or plants that they would like to share are encouraged to bring them.

All those that joined the Northeast NC Daffodil Society during the 2011 will receive a minimum of three separate varieties of daffodils in addition to the bulb exchange/give-away. Those that worked in our 2011 show will also receive free bulbs.

Message from the Chairman Northeast NC Daffodil Society: After two very cold springs we had just about as normal 2011 Spring as possible. We had a great daffodil show on March 19, 2010 with the most exhibitors that we have every had and a good turn out of

daffodils for the show. Everyone had a great time and won some ribbons.

I'm glad to report that many members of our NENCDS attended the Gloucester Daffodil Show this year and were able to see how other shows did the Design Section as well as the Horticulture.

Fran and I also attended additional daffodil shows this year in addition to our NE NC show. We went to Gloucester, Richmond, Lynchburg,) VA (Virginia Garden Club), the Tuscarora Group Show in Chambersburg, MD, and the Washington DC show held in Kensington, MD.

Again, we would like to thank any and all NENCDS members and Master Gardener Volunteers that helped make our third show successful in 2010. Special thanks to the Master Gardener Volunteers of Currituck and the participation of Jan Perry-Weber the Currituck County Extension Agent. Thanks everyone.

You don't have to be a member to attend this meeting, however, you need to be a member to participate in the fall bulb exchange that will be held at the fall meeting. There are some exciting new bulbs available. That's the membership advantage.

Respectfully submitted: Clay Higgins

Daffodil Show March 2012 Plans: We are already planning our **next daffodil show for March 24, 2012** in the Auditorium in the new County Extension Agency facility located at 120 Community Way, Barco, NC, off of US Route 158. Friday, March 23rd will be the show set-up date and early entry. The pizza at the early entry seems to be a big hit.

Spring 2012 NENCDS Meeting: Prior to the show date, we will have a **Spring Daffodil Society meeting**, with a planning date tentatively set for Saturday February 25th during which we will discuss the show, and have a seminar using live daffodils on how to pick, prepare, and stage daffodils for a show.

Design Class: We are also looking to put on a short design lass/demonstration at the Spring Meeting. This is

a short few weeks before our actual show next year. The date and location of our Spring meeting will be posted in the next newsletter.

Selecting Daffodils for Show Planting: I'm going to repeat this segment from last year: We found that many of our daffodils from last fall's bulb exchange – give-away were on display at this year's daffodil show. It was the daffodils labeled as "Early and Early Mid-Spring" that saved the day. I would recommend our membership obtain more of the "Early Mid-Spring" daffodils bulbs as they seem to bloom on time for our show. The daffodils listed as early are too early, and the ones listed as mid-spring can be both on time and too late. But as anyone doing horticulture will tell you, the actual bloom time will be dependent upon the local weather each spring. We do have more of the "Early Mid-Spring" bulbs for our fall meeting.

Planting time: Late October, November and early December is the preferred daffodil planting time in Currituck.

NE NC Daffodil Society Membership renewal is due in October 2011. The small membership dues of \$10 individual, \$12 family helps pay for postage, show costs, and other expenses of the NE NC Daffodil Society. **New as well as existing members more than recover the \$10 membership fee with free bulbs.**

Pot Luck Lunch: The fall meeting will run through lunch, and a pot luck lunch is planned. Everyone is asked to bring a small dish (to serve 5 or 6) of their favorite food to share with others.

Daffodil Judging Schools

The NE NC Daffodil Society is sponsoring the ADS Daffodil Judging School II on March 23, 2012. There are three Judging Schools: Judging School I was held in 2011: School III will be scheduled for 2013. A judge candidate has five years to complete the school, student judge and to become an accredited ADS judge.

To be eligible for the school, each student must be a member of ADS: and to become an accredited judge, each student must cultivate 100 separate varieties of daffodils and have won blue ribbons, including a blue ribbon collection of five by the time they are certified. Remember, student Judges have five years to become certified. That's enough time to learn and get yourself qualified.

The text book for successful passing the ADS judging schools and becoming an ADS accredited judge is the ADS Judges Handbook. Membership in ADS is \$20 a

year. The ADS Judges Handbook is \$10.00 with a cover and \$15.00 with the cover. **Both membership and the ADS Judges Handbook can be obtained from the ADS in Hawkinsville, GA. (give actual contact information)** I have attached an application for ADS membership for those that are interested. Send me an email and I will send it to you.

Newsletter: The NE NC Daffodil Society publishes a minimum of three newsletters each year. These three Newsletters are envisioned as:

- 1) Before the fall meeting
- 2) Spring (end of winter) before our spring meeting and show, and
- 3) Late Spring/Early Summer as the show report.

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.

Clay Higgins will continue as our judge's chairperson and continue to be the show chairperson and Jan Perry-Weber will continue to be co-chair. Fran Higgins will continue to coordinate the judge luncheon.

Horticulture Tip:

Mulch: Use mulch to cover the daffodils so that they will be protected in the winter; help them maintain moisture during the growing season; and helps keep the bulbs cool during the summer. Do not water bulbs in the summer. Allow bulbs to go dry as daffodils like to have a dormant period during the summer after the spring growing period. Avoid planting daffodils where there is standing water, or where you have watering systems for your lawn.

Directions to the Fall Northeast North Carolina Daffodil Society Meeting: the Fall meeting is in the Auditorium in the new County Extension Agency facility located at 120 Community Way, Barco, NC, off of US Route 158. Call Jan Perry-Weber on her mobile phone at (757) 477-0429 if you become lost.

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Those attending the fall Daffodil Society meeting on October 30, 2011 please RSVP: to Clay & Fran Higgins, P.O. Box 369, Harbinger, NC 27941 using the form below: or send an email to Clay and Fran at chiggins@comcast.net or call (240) 632-0002 and leave a message. 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: _____

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 October each year are due at this time. Please see the next page.

See you on October 30th.

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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: _____

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 each year. 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 fall meeting).

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