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Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society

Established April 5, 1958 to promote the appreciation and cultivation of daffodils. Membership is open to anyone interested in daffodils.

Visit Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society at www.daffodiltn.org and on Facebook.



WHAT A YEAR! The 2020 ADS National Convention was held in Dallas TX March 12 - 16. By then we were hearing about the novel coronavirus, but since things were still open, the convention wasn't canceled, and I was teaching an ADS Judges School the day before the convention, I traveled to Dallas as did many of my daffodil friends. Some people hugged, some bumped elbows, hand sanitizer was everywhere, but there were no masks yet and no social distancing. Over 100 of us had a wonderful time, reveling in the flowers, the friendships, the food, and the programs.

Our MTDS Show and almost every event around that time and after was canceled. The annual summer daffodil dig in Niles, Michigan was canceled even before COVID-19 became an issue because of the health of John Reed, the dig's host. Nevertheless, this spring daffodils were gorgeous in people's gardens all over the US. With all our spring rains here in middle Tennessee, daffodils were large and this was one of those years they showed their brightest colors. With no shows to attend, people spent more time in their gardens and shared photos of their flowers on Facebook and Daffnet. I'm sure all of us feel lucky to have a garden to spend time in this year.

I doubt that MTDS will be able to have a fall meeting and bulb swap. But I would like to share with you an incredible opportunity to get your daffodil fix this fall with ADS's Visionary Venture, a

virtual fall forum using Zoom. There will be programs and sessions and informal meet-ups spread over several months, with sessions featuring some of the best daffodil presenters from around the world. The Photography Show will include a division for "Flowers Blooming Now." Fall-blooming daffodils are being hybridized and grown (mainly in southern California in the US) and the daffodil season has begun already in the Southern Hemisphere, so we expect to see photographs of a lot of these beauties, as well as photographs submitted from around the world that celebrate daffodils. Anyone can submit photos and can vote for the People's Choice awards.

And the best part is that ADS has made this amazing fall offering affordable for everyone -- \$25 for ADS members or \$35 for non-members. Look below for more information on the Visionary Venture and click on the links to see the incredible Schedule of Activities. This is an opportunity any daffodil enthusiast should not miss! And I especially love a comment from ADS's Journal editor, Jolene Laughlin, that you will see in the September issue if you are an ADS member: "And best of all, we'll be able to enjoy presentations by our daffodil friends from near and far, not just in spite of this wretched virus, but because of it. To my way of thinking, this is a pretty awesome way of thumbing our noses at this thing."

Becky Fox Matthews



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2020 Virtual Fall Forum 'Visionary Venture'

The 2020 Virtual Fall Forum 'Visionary Venture', sponsored by The American Daffodil Society (ADS), is an outstanding educational symposium of much interest to horticulturalists, hobbyist home gardeners, professionals such as landscape architects, green industry professionals, the plant nursery trade, academia, and for those that desire to know more about daffodils.

Our event, Visionary Venture, is spread across **multiple weekends from September 12 to November 8, 2020**. With educational sessions from around the world this event is international in scope and offers important knowledge about daffodils for ALL levels of interest. Visit our 2020 Virtual Fall Forum page to view our extensive Schedule of Events,

learn how you can register, and join us on a new Venture into the virtual world as we explore daffodils using ZOOM Communications resources.

Event registration has opened and will not close. **Early bird registration is available until AUG 31. The fee is \$25 for members of ADS and \$35 for non-members.** The registration fees will increase to \$35 for ADS members and \$45 for non-members effective SEP 1. Details for Registration can be found at the above link.

As a part of our educational Virtual Fall Forum, we will also hold an outstanding Daffodil Photography Show. **The Photography Show opened for entries on August 2, 2020!** There is no fee to participate in the Photography Show, but photographers must register to participate. Learn more about the [Daffodil Photography Show](#).

The American Daffodil Society, Inc., is an educational, scientific, nonprofit 501 c 3 membership organization founded in 1954. Internationally recognized, we are dedicated to the encouragement of widespread interest in daffodils.

[Click here for more info on the Visionary Venture.](#)

Join the American Daffodil Society

If you are not a member of ADS, look what you are missing out on!

- Quarterly issues of *The Daffodil Journal*, a publication containing beautiful color photos and articles
- Invitation to attend annual National Daffodil Shows and Conventions and Fall Symposia
- Newsletters from your Regional Vice President
- Internet Support for [DaffSeek](#), [DaffTube](#), [DaffNet](#), and [DaffLibrary](#)
- Information about local daffodil societies in your area
- Daffodil growing advice unique to your region
- 'Yellow Fever' friendships and fun!

Join for \$30 a year or \$75 for 3 years individual, \$35 a year or \$90 for 3 years household, \$10 a year youth (through age 20):

<https://stores.daffodilusastore.org/ads-membership/>

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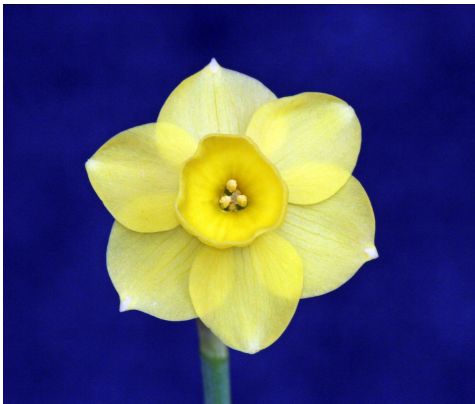
Some Winners from the 2020 American Daffodil Society Convention Show in Dallas TX



Gold Ribbon (Best Standard) 'Magic Lantern' 1Y-O exhibited by Elise Havens. Photo by Tom Stettner, Jr.



Rose Ribbon (Best Seedling) 09-92-2 2W-O exhibited by Larry Force. Photo by Tom Stettner, Jr.



Miniature Gold Ribbon (Best Miniature) 'Pequenita' 7Y-Y exhibited by Karen Cogar. Photo by Tom Stettner, Jr.



Miniature Rose Ribbon 3003 7WWG-GWW exhibited by Bob Spotts. Photo by Tom Stettner, Jr.



White Ribbon (Best set of 3 standard daffodils) 'Mesa Verde' 12G-GGY exhibited by Larry Force. Photo by Kirby Fong.



Miniature White Ribbon 'Itsy Bitsy Splitsy' 11aY-O exhibited by Jon Kawaguchi. Photo by Kirby Fong.



William Bender Award (best bloom in the Challenge Section exhibited by the hybridizer) ZH 28/1 1Y-O ('Confidential' x 'Tang') exhibited by Elise Havens. Photo by Kirby Fong.



A top winner at the daffodil design show when we visited the Dallas Botanical Garden. The solid black material is a torn up tire tread!



A close-up of the unique design winner



The best collection of 5 historic daffodils consists of:
 Back: 'Cragford' 8W-O (1930), 'Avalanche' 8W-Y (1906), 'Beersheba' 1W-W (1923);
 Front: 'Sweetness' 7Y-Y (1939), 'Trevithian' 7Y-Y (1927).
 The exhibitor was Karla McKenzie. 'Avalanche' in the back row center was the best bloom in the Historic Section.
 Photo by Kirby Fong.



The best collection of 5 classic daffodils consists of:
 Back: 'Fortissimo' 2Y-O (1964), 'Gigantic Star' 2Y-Y (1960), 'Accent' 2W-P (1960);
 Front: 'Ceylon' 2Y-O (1943), 'Jetfire' 6Y-O (1966).
 The exhibitor was Karla McKenzie. The 'Jetfire' was the best bloom in the Classics Section. Photo by Tom Stettner, Jr.



Miniature Red-White-Blue Ribbon (best collection of 5 miniature daffodils of American breeding) and Lavender Ribbon (best collection of 5 miniature daffodils 3001 11aY-Y, 3002 2Y-O, 3003 7WWG-GWW, 3004 2Y-GYY, 3005 2Y-O. Exhibited by Bob Spotts. Photo by Kirby Fong.



Robert Spotts Ribbon (best collection of 5 different daffodils where green is the predominant color in either perianth and/or corona). 3006 3WWG-G, 3008 7YYG-GYO, 3009 3YYG-GYY, 'Mesa Verde' 12G-GGY, 3007 3WWG-G exhibited by Bob Spotts. Photo by Tom Stettner, Jr.



Roberta Watrous Award for 12 different miniature daffodils from at least 3 RHS Divisions. Back: 'Mitimoto' 10W-Y, 'Tête Bouclé' 4Y-Y, *N. fernandesii* 13Y-Y, 'Odoratus' 8W-Y, 'Little Beauty' 1W-Y, 'Beesknees' 8Y-O; Front: 'Snipe' 6W-W, *N. minor* var. *pumilus* 13Y-Y, 'Giselle' 10W-W, 'Punk' 1Y-Y, 'Fat Rascal' 12Y-Y, 'Busbie' 12Y-Y. Exhibited by Janet Hickman. Photo by Kirby Fong.

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