

NORTHEAST REGION FALL/WINTER 2016

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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NEW ADS MEMBER IN OUR REGION

Madison Sq. Park Conservancy Inc. New York, NY

IN MEMORIUM

Eileen Whitney of Putnam Valley, NY long time ADS member and judge

Joseph Redington, Jr. of Chambersburg, PA Tuscarora supporter, husband of Nancy Redington

UPCOMING MEETING DATES IN THE SOCIETY

Delaware Valley, October 16 at Jenkins Arboretum

Maryland Daffodil Society and Regional Meeting, October 22 (Judge's Refresher)

Tuscarora, October 23 AT Bender's Farm Chambersburg

Washington Daffodil Society, October 29 in McLean VA

ADS fall board meeting, November 11-13 in Indianapolis, IN

FURTHER INFORMATION SOURCES

For 2016 Chambersburg Show results contact Kate Carney at MCa1062357@aol.com for the fall Tuscarora Trumpet

For 2016 Delaware Valley Show results contact RD Don Caton at smak04don@yahoo.com

For 2016 Joe Hamm Barn Show results contact Joe Hamm at joehamm1@juno.com

For 2016 Pittsburgh Show results contact Stephen Plato at 412-478-7865

MESSAGE FROM RVP REBECCA BROWN

I have had a request for information on daffodil clubs in our region. I know of Tuscarora, of course, and Delaware Valley, but no more. If any others exist, please let me know so I can post your meetings.

Here are gleanings from two articles I thought would be of interest to you.

[A Gentle Plea to Novices](#), by Sara Kinne

Please enter at least one flower in a spring daffodil show. Stepping over the threshold to exhibit the first time will increase your awareness of our favorite flower and foster a greater understanding of our daffodil society. This is not the Olympics: you do not have to be accomplished to enter the competition. All you need do is to show up with your flowers (and

their cultivar names) during setup time, and someone will help you. Please do not be intimidated by the horticulture divisions within the show schedule. Plenty of willing and knowledgeable people will be there to help you. The staging time can be rather hectic, please arrive early so that we can be sure you get the help you need and enjoy the experience.

A Daffodil Delight from Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Sunday, April 17, 2016 by Susan Banks

Joe Hamm began growing daffodils as a teen. He also grew hosta, daylilies and many types of vegetables, but these cheerful spring bloomers were his favorite for one reason: Deer and other varmints won't touch them, ever.

So when he got tired of spraying and fencing to keep four-legged pests away, he turned to daffodils.

"They are poisonous," he says.

Since 2010, he has lived on approximately 16 acres in Buffalo Village, Washington County. His garden, which boasts more than 2,000 cultivated varieties and 30,000 blooms, is designated as an American Daffodil Society Display Garden. Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, is the only other ADS garden in the state. These gardens offer the public a chance to see and learn about the many different registered types of daffodils.

Mr. Hamm first got into daffodils in a big way when he saw some elderly women polishing daffodil bulbs at a daylily sale in 1989.

"I had raised daffodils since I was about 13, but I never cared about names...Then I found out they all had names."

His collection now is largely historic plants, which are those in cultivation before 1939, and classic daffs, which encompasses plants from the 1940s to 1969. He also collects examples of the work of some daffodil hybridizers.

Mr. Hamm refers to his garden as a hortus, which is a botanical garden that serves as kind of a plant archive. Does he have a particular favorite in his collection?

"I really don't. It's like one friend of ours used to say: 'it's the one I have in my hand at the time'."

So, with that, I wish every one of you a "hortus" and a pleasant winter. Please send me news and suggestions so we can be in touch with each other via an interesting and informative newsletter. Rebecca



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