

# Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

## *The Daffodil Rave*

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21st Annual Daffodil Show MIDWEEK! April (10) 11 - 12, 2019 (pgs. 2-3)

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

Spring seems light years away. Shoveling snow makes daffodil season seem unreal. Then I remember that daffodils need the cold if they are going to bloom. They are tucked in under the soil and mulch and now about nine inches of snow will blanket them for awhile and provide necessary moisture for jumbo blooms and long stems.

Our first daffodil meeting is coming up Feb. 10. Carol Gravens, an Advanced Master Gardener and Orchid House volunteer, will be speaking about orchids—Their Lure and Legend. Plans for our annual show, “Royal Daffodils”, are well underway with 7 creative design classes diabolically conceived by last year’s Design Sweepstakes winner, Kim Peterson. I can’t wait to see what designers will come up with!

Since I live with no ground to plant, a good friend has given me most of her yard to plant daffodils. I have 189 varieties now thanks to Joe Hamm, Clay Higgins and other friends. It will be a total surprise to watch each one bloom. Many are old favorites, some are seedlings, and some are new to me and only seen on Daffseek. For me it will be a very different spring and I look forward to it impatiently.

Congratulations and a big thank you to Peter McAdams who agreed to continue as our Treasurer and to Mary Susan Greenwald for agreeing to become our new Secretary. Elections for President and VP, along with two Directors positions, will take place this year, and if you are called to serve, please say yes. (see page 7)

As most of you know, Photography is my favorite past time. At our annual daffodil show we have a section dedicated to photography. Photos of daffodils by themselves or with people or animals. I know we all take photos and I'm hoping to see more entered at the show. The minimum size is 4 x 6. We have mount board for up to an 8 x 10 and the removable tape to hold your print on. Please go through the photos you have and think about taking some before the show. We have everything we need except your photo(s).

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*Beth Holbrooke*

## Daffodil Show In a Nutshell

~Lynn Slackman

### NEWSFLASH!

This will be a mid-week show.

Hump Night is Party Night!

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- “Royal Daffodils” Show. Entries may be made from 2:00pm on **Wednesday**, April 10, 2019 through 7:00am **Thursday**, April 11, 2019.
- Wednesday show setup by members starting @ 1:00pm, immediately followed by staging upon completion. Park in the same place as usual, enter the same door as usual, but remember we are in the Orthwein Floral Display Hall of Ridgeway Center.
- Wednesday Night is party night! As in years past, Lynn's husband, Dick Slackman, will go out for Fried Chicken and sides around 5:30 –6:00 for members in attendance.
- Tell your friends and **announce at your other Garden club meetings!**
- **Announce:** “Open to the Public” April 11 – 12, 2019 9:00am to 5:00pm @Missouri Botanical Garden: Orthwein Floral Display Hall of Ridgeway Center
- **Announce:** Exhibits in Design, Horticulture & Photography, all featuring daffodils, will be on display.
- **Announce:** Enjoy a breath of springtime in St Louis at the 21st Annual Daffodil Show

## “Royal Daffodils”



Horticulture



Design



Photography

See the [“Royal Daffodils” Show Schedule Here](#) (thank you, Lynn Slackman!) for more information on the 2019 Daffodil Show—special sections include the Shaw Challenge and GSLDS Club Challenge bulbs (*see page 7 of the Horticulture Division Show Schedule for a complete list*). The Design section has clever classes with a worldwide Royal Theme, see page 3.

Click on the icon for the part(s) of the schedule that you are most interested in, Horticulture, Design, &/or Photography.



## 2019 Show Scoop

A midweek Daffodil Show is to be held April 11-12, with set up the day before, on Wednesday April 10, at 1:00 pm. Staging runs through the night until 7:00am the following morning. The Orthwein Floral Display Hall is down the hall from where we have had past shows, and we will be in the same rooms for staging and friend chicken, the same parking arrangements, and same door as usual. [Details in the show schedule.](#)

### Getting Flowers Ready for the Show

Members are advised to watch the weather forecast and pick blooms ahead of time in the event of rain, hail or damaging winds, plus hot burning sunlight. In the week preceding our show.

Have you ever groomed a flower while it's still growing in the garden? It's much easier to clock and smooth the petals while it's growing and not already hardened off.

Don't cut your stems—pick them! If they stretch instead of snapping off, it's the wrong time of day.

Against information to the contrary for most flowers, early afternoons or later seems better than mornings for daffodils. Use warm water in the vase, please!

### “Royal Daffodils” Design

A whole new world will be unveiled when the floral design portion of the ‘Royal Daffodils’ show transports us to a Scottish Castle, The Royal Ascot, The Sahara Desert and Xi'an, the city of ancient Chinese Dynasties at the 2019 GSLDS Daffodil Show.

We encourage you to think ahead and please contact Suzanne Raymond (636) 458-6393, or Jean Morris (636) 256-3927 to reserve space for your Royal design at the show. A limited number of daffodils, line materials, decorative wood and equipment (oasis, pin holders, stickum, picks, etc.) will be available on a first come, first served basis. The Design Sweepstakes winner is the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in the show, with a minimum of two.

### Orchids, Their Lure and Legend

Carol Gravens

Feb 10, 2019



Our February speaker, Carol Gravens, became a St. Louis Master Gardener in 2001 after retiring from a professional career as a microbiologist. She is also a Master Naturalist.

As an Advanced Master Gardener she volunteers in many capacities, but her first plant love is orchids, and she grows about 275 of them in her home. Carol can be found every Thursday volunteering in the orchid greenhouses at Missouri Botanical Garden, helping to care for the Garden's extensive orchid collection. She also shares her love of orchids by speaking to various garden clubs and community groups. She completed a degree in Horticulture in her retirement and is a Master Gardener of the Year. She is a past president of the Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis.

## 2019 Calendar of Events

DATE	TIME/PLACE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, February 10, 2019	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC	Presentation by Carol Gravens <b>"Orchids: The Lure and Legend"</b> Refreshments provided by members.
March 30-31, 2019	Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Peter & Jan McAdams's Place. 1794 Seminary Rd Brighton, IL 62012	<b>Spring Field Trip</b> to Peter McAdams's ADS Daffodil Display Garden. Daffo- dil Walk, Apitherapy Demonstration and Hotdog Roast. (see page 6)
April 11 - 12, 2019	Saturday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sunday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MBG	<b>"Royal Daffodils"</b> Celebrate Spring at the Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society's Annual Daffodil Show. Setup and Staging starts at 1:00pm on Wednesday April 10 and continues until 7:00am Thursday morning.
Sunday, July 14, 2019	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC MOBOT'S Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Blvd, St Louis, MO 63110	<b>Presentation by Larry Force</b> "New Miniature and Standard Daffodils" Refreshments provided by members.
Sun., September 8, 2019	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC 4651 Shaw Blvd, St Louis, MO 63110.	<b>Bagging and Tagging of Bulbs for upcoming Sales and Exchange.</b> Refreshments provided by members.
September 13 - 15, 2019	Friday, 5:00 - 10:00PM, Saturday, 9:00AM - 7:00PM, Sunday, 10:00AM - 5:00PM Greentree Festival Kirkwood, MO	Join us at the <b>Greentree Festival</b> to sell daffodil bulbs and spread yellow daffodil fever to residents of the Greater St Louis area.
October 12 - 13, 2019	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM or until sold out, Beaumont Room of Ridgeway Center at MBG	Annual public bulb sale and our big fund raiser. Setup Saturday morning October 12 in the Beaumont Room 7:30am until done.
Sunday, October 27, 2019	NOON - 5:00 PM Classroom #125 at CBEC	Annual exchange of better donated and purchased bulbs from various sources. <b>Participation guidelines on website</b> Main Course and drink provided, Side dishes & Desserts requested.

## Upcoming Events



Shaw Nature Reserve Dig  
Yes! Stay tuned for an  
email regarding this year's  
SNR dig which will be  
sometime **after** the 2019  
"Royal Daffodils" show and  
**on a weekday**. Directions to  
SNR



It's a beautiful property  
and a really nice outing!



### July Speaker: Larry Force



**Strawberry Ruffles, 3W-GYR  
Larry Force. 2015, Intermediate.**

Our good friend Larry Force will be  
speaking to our group on July 14,  
2019. He was originally scheduled to  
speak at last year's July meeting, but  
he broke his leg during the Shaw dig  
last year! and was forced to resched-  
ule.



## The Road Not Taken

~by Beth Holbrooke



**Above:** Over one hundred years later, *N. pseudonarcissus* is still naturalized in Dymock Woods, Gloucestershire, Eng. Photo: Eddie Olliffe Blog.

### THE ROAD NOT TAKEN IS LINED WITH DAFFODILS

*"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,*

*And sorry I was I could not travel both...*

*...and I - I took the one less travelled by,*

*And that has made all the difference."*

This famous poem by Robert Frost seems to talk of Autumn leaves in the woods of New England. He is world famous for his poems of rough stone walls and being a "swinger of birches" so this poem would also seem to be set in an American wood in autumn.

In fact, the setting is in the wild daffodil fields of western Gloucestershire, England where he had friendships with several English poets.

The "yellow wood" referred to the many small *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* growing wild in hedgerows and along wooded paths. Frost had a friend, Edward Thomas, who could not decide whether to go to America with the Frost family or enlist in the Army since war had been declared (WWI). Frost wrote the poem for him saying that "whichever road he took he would be sorry he didn't go the other". Thomas enlisted in the Artists Rifles Regiment within days of reading the poem.

The daffodils are still blooming in Dymock, Gloucestershire, in protected areas of undisturbed damp woodland with many less travelled paths from which to choose.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

## McAdams Daffodil Open House, Apitherapy, & Hot Dog Roast



Peter and Jan will be hosting an Open House Weekend for everyone on Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31 from 10:00 am—5:00 am. Peter's garden is an official ADS Display garden, and is the only one in the area.

Peter will have seating at the campground with hot dogs to roast and wine and maybe some other things. If anyone wants to get stung, Jan will handle it (this is the apitherapy part - Jan won't be sending killer bees after you!).

Directions Easiest to use Mapquest 1794 Seminary Rd., Brighton, IL. If you get lost call him for directions 618-789-1911. It takes about an hour to get there—think about a carpool or caravan so you can drink the wine that Peter is serving.

The timing should be perfect, not only for daffodils, but for woodland wildflowers, too. The energetic among us can walk the 5 miles of trails he has there and see the birds and the tree house. In addition to all that, there are bees, chickens, guineas, cats, a 50 ft. cable bridge, plus 100,000 daffodil blooms... but maybe not all blooming on the very day.

## 2018 Show Winners Now on Dafftube.org

Most of the Midwest is included in this new ADS photo slide presentation due to the efforts of Ohio photographer Tom Stettner, but GSLDS is not represented at all!

GSLDS needs an official photographer to take photos of all the major ADS ribbon-winning exhibits. The photographer can use a digital camera or a new iPhone.

Gary Knehans, our official show reporter, has all the names and color codes, so it's simply matter of matching them with the photos and sending them in. Suzy Wert has offered to do post production for color correction and cropping if they are mailed to her on a flash



## February 10, 2019 meeting: Orchids: Their Lure and Legend

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (1:00 set up)  
Classroom #125 at CBEC

MOBOT'S Commerce Bank Center  
for Science Education  
4651 Shaw Blvd, St Louis, MO 63110

Refreshments provided by members.

**Above:** *Phalaopsis* orchids are always for sale in January. One of 30,000 species of the orchid family. Photo: Beth Holbrooke.



## Many Hands Make Light Work

*John Heywood was a Belgian playwright in the 1500s who originated many common quotes we use today. A compendium was published in 1546, and included these Ben Franklin-ish quotes and proverbs:*

- Rome was not built in one day. • One good turn deserves another. • Many hands make light work. •

A Nominating Committee is to be formed this February to get a President and VP along with two Directors. If you'll recall, last presidential election was a push-pull to get a President and Vice-President nominated, but Beth and Dave stepped up, and they have another reelection for a two-year term. This means in 2021, there will be another frenzy looking for leaders. There is no reason for this —GSLDS is an institution, pretty much running along on its own steam, or at least the steam of a good many members who are happy in the jobs they do. (See all the smiles in the photos below?) Members do not have to be bullied into participating and the big projects have a dedicated leader and support staff, along with rank and file members who work and come along for the fun. It is imperative that leaders come forward to indicate their willingness to lead the group in the capacity of President and Vice President so they can learn from Beth and Dave. If you are asked, please say yes!



Above: Leeza left and Zahaza right. Two of our Youth members. At the Mobot bagging party. Ed: They're smiling now, but wait until they see the Youth Design categories for the show!



Above: Su-Li Cheng, Peter McAdams and Lynn Slackman cutting up at Cindy and Joy's bulb cleaning party.

Above circle: Cindy and Vaughn Meister



Above: Beth Holbrooke, Charles Pickett, Dave Niswonger, plus in the back, Su-Li Cheng, Kam Fok and Kevin Hillemann.

Left: Charles Pickett, Dave Niswonger, Beth Holbrooke, Peter McAdams, head down: Zahaza. Way back: Sonja Lallemann and her guest talking to Lynn Slackman.



Pam Hardy lookin' cool at Greentree Sale.





## Consider Annuals

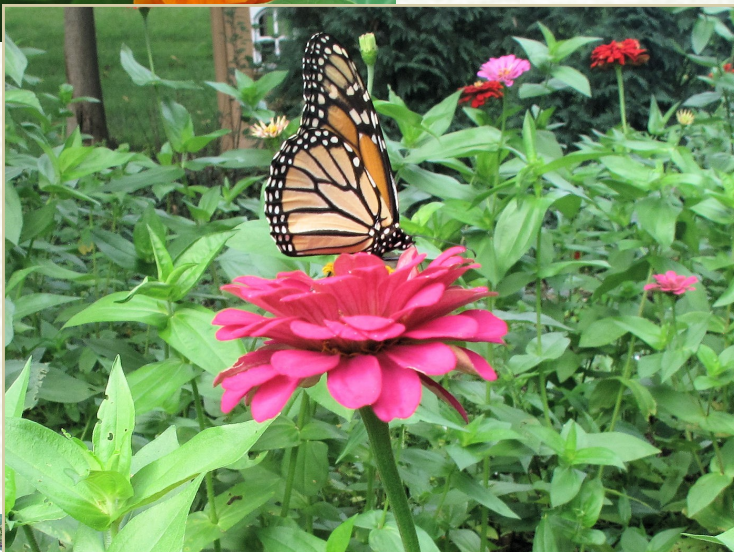
~by Suzy Wert



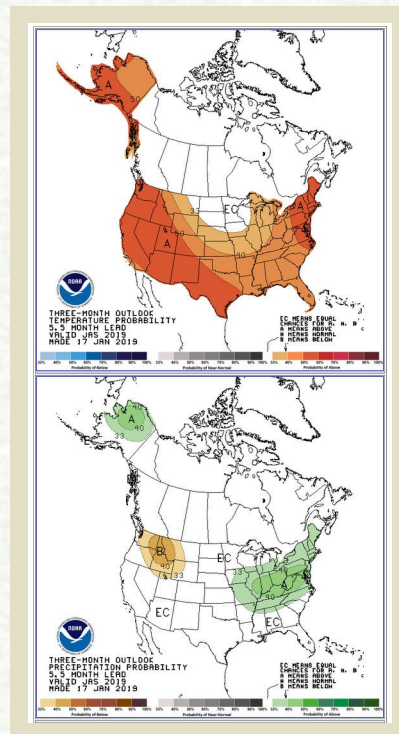
Above: Nasturtium

Right: Zinnias are a butterfly magnet.

Below: An unusual combination of trailing Nasturtium and Cantaloupe shade daffodil bulbs admirably over summers. Photos: Wert



The [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#) is forecasting a hot, wet summer for most of Missouri. This is bad for susceptible cultivars which may rot unless they are shaded. Some of our members use a “green mulch” (weeds) but members growing in a garden setting may wish to shade their bulbs this year with annuals. Vines such as pumpkin, cantaloupe, watermelon and trailing nasturtium give a lot of bang for the buck and cover a lot of ground. In addition to shade, they will drink up excess rainfall and provide color and edible fruits & flowers. Seed is available now from any garden center or hardware store.



Next Newsletter Deadline May 15.

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