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President's Message

Hello Daffodil Friends!

The summer foliage is fading and the lovely Autumn weather has begun, a perfect setting for our October meeting in Columbus.

We're all planning how to add to our daffodil collections, and how to place our new acquisitions. Don't forget to save a spot for the IDS challenge bulb, (still a secret, except if you look at page 5), so you will have an entry in the Z section of our spring show.

I've seen and felt the hesitation in society to gather in groups, as we emerge from the specter of Covid. We all expected a vast resurgence after being cooped up at home for two years, but the smaller audiences at shows and festivals proves that we still want to be careful, as much as we miss the camaraderie of our friends and neighbors. I hope to see as many of our members as possible at the

Hamilton Community Center and Ice Rink on the 22nd, at 3:15-3:30.

The executive committee will meet before Thanksgiving. I don't have a date yet, but if you have any ideas for upcoming meeting topics, speakers, or other projects to which you would like to draw our attention, please drop an email to me.

It would be remiss of me not to thank all of the volunteers this year. The diggers, dryers, baggers, and sellers, especially, but also the other behind the scenes volunteers and officers that make the society run so smoothly. Thank you all!

Sara and I also hope you will be able to stay on for dinner afterward, at the Upland Restaurant at the historic Upland Columbus Pump House on the river.

Pete Kinne

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IDS Meeting & Bulb Exchange

Sat. Oct 22

3:30-4:45

Hamilton Community
Center & Ice Rink
2501 Lincoln Park Dr,
Columbus, IN

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Followed by an optional
dinner at [Uplands, 148
Lindsey St. Columbus, IN](#)

IDS Fall Meeting and Bulb Exchange Meeting

Our meeting on Saturday, October 22 will begin at 3:30 PM at the Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena (2501 Lincoln Park Dr., Columbus, IN 47201) There will be a bulb/plant exchange table as usual, but no snack/refreshments pitch-in because it is so late in the day and we will be going to Uplands after the meeting.

The American Daffodil Society gathering of Midwest members is that same day, same location, from 9AM - 3PM. You are invited to attend that event whether you are an ADS member or not. There is a Judges Refresher session scheduled during that time that is frequently of great interest to the novice grower regarding some aspect of show qualities. This year it is "Form in Daffodils" presented by Daniel Bellinger.

Please bring a covered dish to share if you plan to attend the ADS meeting. If you are an ADS member, attending the fall regional meeting for the first time, you will be awarded with five-pack of excellent bulbs, just for showing up.

Finally, Sara and I will be making reservations for dinner at 5 PM at the Uplands restaurant in the historic Columbus Pump House, 148 Lindsey St. and welcome you to join us. Please RSVP to me so we will know how many seats to include in our reservation.

Pete Kinne, pkinne8899@gmail.com

ADS Fall Regional Meeting to be held in Columbus, IN this Year

~by Tom Stettner, Midwest RVP

This year, the Midwest Region fall meeting will be held at the Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena in Columbus, Indiana, on Sat. Oct 22nd. The building will be accessible at 7:30 am for setup, but we need to be finished by 3 pm. I would like to start the meeting at 9 a.m. sharp.

Attendees should bring a covered dish, salad, dessert or other foods suitable for a pitch-in luncheon.

Daniel Bellinger will present a program, "Form in Daffodils".

Remember, the IDS meeting and bulb exchange will start after the Regional meeting ends and goodbyes have been said, 3:30.

FOR THE
RECORD

Membership in ADS is not a requirement for attending the ADS Fall Regional Meeting, and in fact we would love **everybody** to attend so the fall meeting is more likely to be held in Indiana again in subsequent years! IDS will meet after the ADS meeting is over and goodbyes have been said. ~Ed.

ROOKIE ROUNDUP

Getting Started in Daffodils

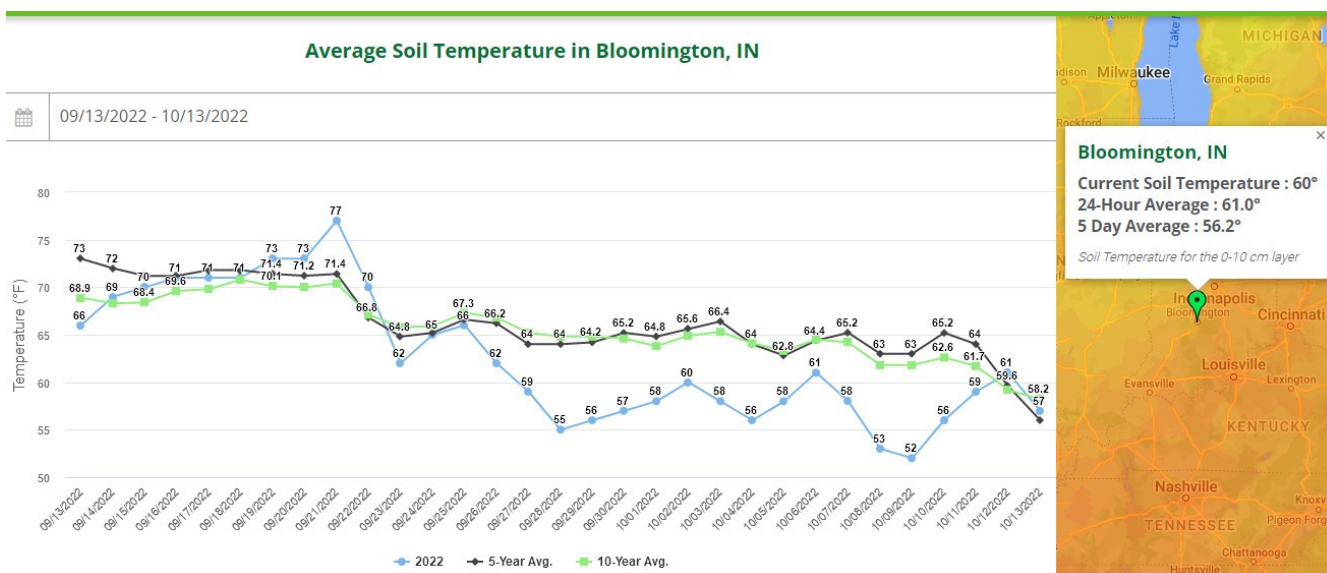
Wait for the Soil Temperature to Cool Before Planting

The reason daffodil bulbs are planted when the soil temperature is below 54 degrees is to minimize basal rot. The culprit, *Fusarium oxysporum f.sp. narcissi*, can be in the soil but is unable to infect a new planting in the fall if the soil is below 54 degrees. For those of us in the lower midwest, that usually is around Halloween.

The old "[greencast online](https://www.greencastonline.com)" soil temperature thermometer is back online!

All members will want to bookmark this URL (not just the Rookies) : <https://www.greencastonline.com/tools/soil-temperature>

More information on the Time to Plant and Why can be found here on the [IDS Website](#). ~Sara



When witches go riding, and black cats are seen,
 the moon laughs and whispers, 'tis near Halloween.

2022 Summer Picnic at Bruce Eveslage's Swampview

~by Fredrica Lawler



Pictured above, Photo Sherry Holliday, Port Williams: Starting on the left with Sara Kinne, Bloomington; Eric Mitter, Port Williams; Jim Moon (guest) & Judy Moon, Mooresville; Richard W, Louisville (guest); Lynn Courson, Bloomington; Pete Kinne, Bloomington (IDS President); Ann Craig, Seymour; Sean Cox, Seymour (guest); and our host, Bruce Eveslage, Floyds Knobs.

Up a narrow gravel drive, beyond a church cemetery, rests the home of Bruce Eveslage: a most charming house, built with a screened-in porch wrapping all four outer walls, the centerpiece of twenty wooded acres. Bruce very kindly invited IDS to celebrate the summer picnic there on July 16, 2022. He set up a dining area on one side of the porch, where we enjoyed the best of the shade.

After sharing a potluck lunch that couldn't be beat, Bruce led a number of us on a walking tour via a gentle path through stands of hickory, oak, and beech. He tends his woods with loving care, relocating saplings and clearing some areas for other plantings. For example, he has installed a fifty-square-foot bed of peonies, which makes one swoon to imagine the scent in late spring. Bruce narrated our tour throughout with humorous anecdotes and explanations. Several stands of bamboo add a different dimension to the woods. In springtime he invites his pal Bonnie to harvest the bamboo shoots to the delight of her friends at the Taiwanese church. He

demonstrated his method of growing shiitake mushrooms with an array of white oak branches. Bruce reminded us of the dangers of consuming mushrooms picked randomly in the wild, and advised the best defense if succumbing to that temptation is to have tucked a morsel of that mushroom into a baggie in the fridge so the toxicologists can help the emergency room with "that's what I ate!"

At one juncture in the pathway, in tribute to the English roundabout, Bruce has planted a trio of the ethereal narrow pond cypress *Taxodium ascendens* to breathtaking effect. Butterflies escorted us in abundance, supported by the diversity of larval host plants, such as pawpaws for the zebra swallowtails. The daffodils were of course all "sleeping" (*see page 12*) in July, but Bruce pointed out some of the areas to look for them in the spring. Among these are a hidden swath of narcissus 'Hawera' which Bruce laughingly characterizes as "How are ya?s" Bruce's sense of humor is firmly evidenced in the "pants people" striding through the woods, created by setting the cut Y-branches of sassafras upside down. In past years, Bruce has graciously hosted "The Daffodil Doo-Dah" on the first Sunday in April for guests to view the blooms of cloud-shaped plantings of daffodils. We might hope that such an event can occur again in April 2023.

IDS Miscellany

Welcome New Members

New Member Loot —We hope to see you at the meetings on Saturday Oct 22. If the topic of “Form in Daffodils” and super good food to eat doesn’t interest you, come at 3:30 for the IDS-only portion of the meeting.

Also, new ADS members who show up at 9:00 am for the ADS Regional meeting will get a pack of nice bulbs. (you may join that morning!) Members new to IDS will also get a pack of nice bulbs for their first IDS meeting, the same day, but starting at 3:30. New to both? You get two packs, and they’re different bulbs!!!

It’s dues time. Treasurer [Jim Wilson](#) says that given the relative inactivity of the club because of Covid19, any member paid up in 2020 was also credited for membership in 2021!

Jim has also given 2022 credit, and even 2023 for some, for those who paid anyway. For the rest of us, the dues are due this October. If anyone is uncertain about their status, please email [him](#) or drop by his “office” at the meeting.



Welcome to the Newsletter!

There are a lot of informative articles and a series of articles summarizing our 2022 activities.

One article I just love is from Carlos van der Veek in Holland. He is the son of Karel v.d. Veek and co-founder of [Fluwel \(Flowers Love You, We Enjoy Life.\)](#) bulbs in Burgerbrug, The Netherlands. We must thank Carlos for letting us use his newsletter article and if you would like to get his newsletter in your inbox, be sure to subscribe. <https://www.fluwel.com/ordering-at-fluwel>

The gist is that daffodils do not sleep in the summer — they are growing-growing-growing!

As always, don’t forget the photos!

~[Suzy Wert](#), Editor

Drumroll: [‘Helen Link’](#), 5 W-P, is the 2023 Club Challenge Bulb for Section Z in the show next year. This is an amazing flower, and the rarest of the rare. You must be at the meeting to collect the bulb, so make sure you show up to the IDS Meeting at 3:30 on Oct 22.



Left: Joan Workman, Bedford, (rear in the green shirt) invented a less messy way of precleaning the bulbs by making 30" square frames or converting old sturdy dresser drawers, all lined with hardware cloth on the bottom. The openings in the hardware cloth prevent bulbs from falling through but allow the dust and debris to fall downward. Their size fits over a trash can and bulbs can be manually stirred back and forth. Team included Sara Kinne, Lynn Courson and Trish Walters (*not pictured*).

~by Trish Walters

Right: Frank Nyikos with Jeanne Lager provided the needed exfoliation by removing the roots and dry bulb skins which creates dust clouds. The rule is whoever has a large bag of dirty bulbs needs to step away from the group, downwind, and be ready to keep moving and not breathe in that cloud of dust and mold by the back and forth agitation.

A huge thank you to Bruce Eveslage, Sara Kinne, Jeanne Lager, Lynn Courson, Frank Nyikos, Joan Workman, Sherry Holliday, Ann Craig, Judy Moon, and Trish Walters. and everyone else who braved the ticks and other pests to dig bulbs and dry and cure them for the sales.

Bagging Beautiful Bulbs in Bedford





Trish Seals the Deal

INDIANA STATE FAIR

2023 TOTAL BULB SALES TOP \$4000.00!



Pete: "Step Right Up!"



Sara Straightens the Sale Table

The two-day State Fair sale is very lucrative for us. This year we made over \$2000.00.

From the Ohio to the Circle City—Daffodils Prove Popular

~by Trish Walters

IDS bulb sales continued this summer with sales at the Indiana State Fair. August 13 and 14 members were back hawking daffodil bulbs to support the IDS Scholarship program.

Our neighbors in the Horticulture building were quite surprising. We had the State Police, mattress sellers, flag poles, t-shirts from Hawkins, IN, and the [artistic Mt. Cheesemore](#). The yearly sculpture shared the building with a very few true horticultural products.

Just remember because the Pig Barn was demolished to build a new state of the art Swine Barn, the hogs had to be moved, and everyone else was relocated.

Despite the new (read: unusual) neighbors for us, sales were brisk both days and we sold nearly \$2,000 worth of bulbs! That's a lot of five dollar bags! The selling is really fun and believe me you see about every look and type of fair goer you can imagine and few you just can't.

A new group of folks helped at the Saturday sale: Ann Craig, Sean Cox, Nancy and Ken Craig, Brenda DeFord, Sherry Holliday, Joan Workman, Jeanne Lager, Shirley Heeyob, Ken Cradler, Lori Van Every, and of course, Sara Kinne.

Sara, Pete and Trish wound up the fair sales on Sunday and managed to have far fewer bags for the return trip home to Bloomington.



Above: Brenda DeFord patiently listening to a customer's questions about growing daffodils in their unique gardening conditions.



Joan Workman pointing out the most reliable growing bulbs on the table for some gardeners new to daffodils..



The State Fair Bulb Sale

~by Sara Kinne



Above: Sean Cox, Sara Kinne and Ann Craig.
Photo Nancy Craig

The IDS sales tables had a different and better configuration this year, thanks to the expertise and planning by Sean Cox and Ann Craig. Sean and Ann were at the picnic in July and noticed that no one had spoken for the setup slot of 8AM on Saturday morning. Ann said they were experienced in booth set up and wanted to do that for State Fair.

Sure enough, they appeared bright and early, ready to take the lead and organize the floor plan in the best possible way. I was privy to hear a discussion of plus and minuses and the end result looked great, worked well, gave us a private sitting area, and was easy to work. Early on, another couple showed up to help and that was Nancy and Ken Craig, Ann's parents! All this good help was a wonderful beginning for the 2022 State Fair Bulb Sale and Brenda DeFord reeled in the first customer at 10AM and we were up and running!

Hamilton Co. Master Gardener's Sale

For the 6th year Lynn and Sara have sold bulbs to the Hamilton County Master Gardeners at their September meeting. This year was the best ever sale with \$585.00 of bulbs sold!

The rewarding part is hearing feedback from members who have previously bought from us and seeing familiar and welcoming friends return to purchase bulbs.



Above left to right:
Stephanie Daughtery, Lynn Courson, Sara Kinne.

The Wallitsch Sale in Louisville



Above: The IDS Booth where Sara Kinne and Jim Wilson get ready for the early morning rush at Wallitsch's.

Our first sale in August is at The Wallitsch Garden Center in Louisville. They host a unique event which allows plant societies in Louisville to sell their extras to make money for their budgets. There you will find choice Hostas, Irises, daylilies—and of course our daffodils!

We aren't exactly a Louisville-based plant society, and in fact, the name Indiana Daffodil Society says it all, but we have nice bulbs and great people staffing the booth, and a few members who live in Kentucky, so they let us slide.



Left Bottom: Sara explains about the need for good drainage for daffodils to a customer.



Left Top: Bruce Eveslage stays out of the hot sun in Louisville.

Right: Sara digs with a Pennsylvania helper at Joe Hamm's.

July

Bulb Sales Start with Bulb Digs



2023 Show Dates Set

~by Sue Luken and Jim Wilson

It's hard to believe, but the 2023 Daffodil Show Dates have been set. We'd love for all members to choose a day and pitch in to help!

Thursday, April 13, 2023

IDS show setup (2pm-4pm) and early entries (4pm-9pm)
Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena
2501 Lincoln Park Dr., Columbus, IN

Friday, April 14, 2023

IDS show, entries 7am-11am, judging at noon, open to the public 3:00pm-6:00pm
Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena
2501 Lincoln Park Dr., Columbus, IN 47201
Contact: [Sue Luken](#) 812-794-3675 OR [Carolyn Cutshall](#) 502-424-331

Saturday, April 15, 2023

IDS show, Public Day 10am-3:30pm, with children's activities
IDS show tear-down 3:30-5pm
Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena
2501 Lincoln Park Dr., Columbus, IN 47201
Contact: [Sue Luken](#) 812-794-3675 OR [Carolyn Cutshall](#) 502-424-3431

Why Show Your Daffodils?

One reason to show your daffodils is to see how well you're growing them, not compared to the catalog pictures, but to people with similar growing conditions.

Are your colors as bright as the other ones on the bench, for example. Another reason is to become more knowl-

edgeable about the flower itself. As a member of IDS, you probably should learn more about daffodils than Joe Schmoe on the street.

Generally speaking, showing your flowers against others' is educational and teaches you things about daffodils.

If you think you someday *might* want to show your flowers, or give away the bulbs as a named variety, it's important to keep the name with the bulb.

To do this, you'll need to come up with a marking and mapping system. (*See all the articles on the IDS website, p. 12.*)

How I Spent My Summer Vacation ~by A Bulb



1

On the outside it looks like the bulbs are in a complete state of rest, but on the inside the bulb is working as hard as possible to create new life. Within the bulb, a magical process is happening where cell by cell a new flower is created that you will get to see in spring. The bulb is simply, very much pregnant. And if the flower bulb gets pampered enough it will have a positive outcome for the flower that will get birthed next spring. When the bulbs are conserved in the right temperature and humidity with enough fresh air during their pregnancy, the chances for an optimally developed large and long flowering flower will rise.



2

The sprout of a daffodil that has grown in the bulb during the summer months.

Put on your reading glasses and pop open a flower bulb when it's time to plant her, you will see a wonderful display. Every part of the flower that lies within the bulb can already be seen at this time; on the outside you can see the sprout of the leaves, and when you start picking a little bit more, you can see the petals of the flowers, the stamens, and even the pistil.



3

The sprout but opened a bit more, this is a [Daffodil](#) with multiple flowers on one stem. You can see all the little flowers here.

Years of research at the LBO (Laboratory for Flower Bulb Research) shows that keeping flower bulbs at the right temperature in summertime will benefit the flower that you will get to see in spring. I learned it myself at the horticultural school in Lisse. Our teacher, Mr. Guus Papendrecht, taught us in one of the first classes: flower bulbs are cultivated in the nursery. It didn't make sense to us at that time; we thought flower bulbs are grown at the fields. Of course, later it became clear. Even though the cultivation at the fields is important, when you mess up in the nursery the bulbs will never be up to standard.



4

When you open the flowers a bit more you can even see the stamens, and between the stamens the pistil. The loose membranes around the stamens are the flower petals.

And so it's similar to the flower bulbs we offer in our [webshop](#). We treated them with care during their pregnancy so they can come into the world in their best state. The flowers in the bulbs are developed properly and when they have experienced the cold winter, they will flower beautifully in your own garden next spring. Feel free to take a look at our [webshop](#), the variety of flower bulbs is still magnificent.

This article and the corresponding photos was written by Fluwel's Carlos van der Veek and generously shared with IDS. [Click here](#) if you would like to get Fluwel's interesting newsletter in your own inbox.



The IDS Website is Amazing

As a Public Service Announcement, members should probably look at our IDS website before planting their new bulbs. Jim Wilson, who doubles as our Treasurer, is the premium webmaster and a darn good Joe.

Planting and Replanting (September-October)

["When is it Time to Plant Daffodils" by Suzy Wert and Jim Wilson](#)

[Truisms from Helen Trueblood](#)

["Marking Bulbs for Long-Term Identification" by Suzy Wert and Sara Kinne](#)

["Using a Digital Camera as an Aid to Making Maps" by Suzy Wert](#)

Markers for Flowers



An example of a tag from ADS Past President Becky Fox Matthews, Brentwood, TN. It is an Eon Rose Marker, 10" legs that go through the plate. It's the same as most of us use.

Her markers are laser printed on water-resistant labels to include: The letter "I", for Intermediate, name, division and color code, hybridizer, year of registration, country of origin, number of bulbs planted, and a code for the source of bulbs. RS=Ron Scamp.

Tags for Bulbs

If you only need the names of the bulbs and not the flowers, then an underground tagging system might be better for you.

Just write the name on a sturdy piece of white vinyl—a cut up bleach bottle or house siding, for example, and bury it slightly above your bulbs. Use a [Prockey marker](#) or [Sharpie Industrial](#) with the red writing on the barrel. ***Make a map as you plant.***

Be sure to see the article on our website entitled "[Marking Bulbs for Long-Term Identification](#)" by Suzy Wert and Sara Kinne.

To Refresh Your Memory: How to Plant a Daffodil Bulb(s)

- Choose a well-drained, sunny place. Hillsides and raised beds are best. ***Drainage is the key.*** Spade at least twelve inches deep. Improve your clay or silt with well-rotted compost, soil amendment, or planting mix and raise the bed. Slightly acidic soil is best, so you might add soil sulfur if you have alkaline soil.
- During the soil preparation, a complete fertilizer, low in nitrogen, (3-6-6 or 5-10-10) should be worked in (about 1/4 cup per square foot). Organic is great! Be sure the fertilizer does not come in direct contact with the bulbs or newly emerging roots.
- Lightly squeeze each bulb to make sure it is hard and firm before planting. Visually look for holes that look like suspicious entry areas for Narcissus Bulb Fly.
- Plant your daffodils so that their tops (pointed end) are at least two times as deep as the bulb is high (top of a 2" bulb is 4" deep). Exactness isn't crucial; they'll adjust. Plant bulbs deeper in sandy soil than in clay.
- Top-dress with 5-10-10 when the leaf-tips emerge. As they flower, top-dress with 0-10-10 or 0-0-50. High-nitrogen fertilizer should be avoided.
- Daffodils need lots of water while they are growing. Water immediately after planting and keep them moist until the rains come. Continue watering for three weeks or so after blooming time; then stop watering. The bulbs make their next year's bloom after flowering. (Your first-year bloom is largely due to the previous grower of the bulb.)
- *Most of this article was taken from the ADS website, <https://daffodilusa.org/growing-daffodils/guidelines-for-growing-daffodils/>*

2023 American Daffodil Society Atlanta Georgia Daffodil Convention



The National Weather Service, NOAA,

and Accuweather are all predicting a “bookend winter”. This is where the cold weather starts the cold winter off in early December, then warmer-than-usual late Dec-Jan-Feb winter, with a cold end of winter in March, and maybe April..

HOWEVER, you could make the last part of winter a bit shorter by attending the 2023 ADS National Convention and Daffodil Show in Atlanta next year. Because of the mild winter, it is also possible that some of those super-early bloomers you grow might be in bloom by then!

The Convention is March 9-12 at the [Crowne Plaza® Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia](#). It looks like a top-notch venue.

For the first time in recent years, the [Daffodil Show](#) will be a Tripartite (*pun intended*) featuring a Horticulture Division, an outstanding Design Division, and an Educational Division.

Jaydee Ager is the Show Chair, and she has gotten all her Garden Club of America pals invested in putting on a dazzling display of flower arrangements where daffodils are prominent. These arrangements are to be judged, not just used as decoration in the hotel. These are always amazing and something we don’t really have here in Indiana, but can always learn from.

Yes, all the other convention stuff is there, too, the Garden Tours, the Bulb Auction and Photography Show. The big silver trophies will be awarded and on exhibit. It will be a show to remember, and one we will be talking about 20 years hence!

[Click here for more information and to sign up.](#)