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President's Message

Hello Daffodil Friends!

I wonder if you are noticing, as am I, that our reopening public events are blooming more slowly, as if we are all still shy after 2 years under a rock from Covid. We were all hoping to be able to bring back our social life with a big bang, but it is happening more cautiously. In Bloomington, our July 4th parade sign-up is at a 50% level compared to pre-Covid, and the revised parade route is half the length it used to be.

Our show was a successful, enjoyable endeavor after an absence of two years and thanks to many, it was smooth and fun, though not overrun as we had hoped. Our IDS focus continues on the educational benefits as offered at Public Day of our show and through garden talks and bulb sales. If our club is to continue into the future, we have to aim at reaching more youth and cultivating younger adult members. We all are Ambassadors for Daffodils

and promoters of growing daffodils. Please pass along the word that daffodils are critter resistant and easy to grow if given good drainage and sunshine. We benefit when you share this information with others.

Our picnic is July 16 in Floyds Knobs, hosted by Bruce Eveslage. Please come prepared to help clean bulbs for our upcoming bulb sales, as many hands make this work go quickly. Prepping the bulbs can be dirty work and gloves are a good idea. Please RSVP to me or Sara if you plan to attend. Table service, beverages, pork and chicken barbecue are provided. Please bring a salad, dessert, or covered dish and join us for an afternoon of fun in a beautiful location that Bruce calls Swamp View. How can you resist?

Pete Vinne

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IDS Picnic

Sat. July 16
noon till 4 PM
At the home and garden of
Bruce Eveslage
3840 Paoli Pike
Floyds Knobs 47119
Phone: 502 -593-2210.
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News from Jason Delaney, PHS Daffodils:

At long last, the 2022 PHS Daffodils online catalog and sale will open on Sunday, 10 July at 12:00 p.m. EST. This year we are offering 221 novel cultivars from the fields of Oakwood daffodils in Niles, Michigan. This will be the last year many of these are offered for several years to come, so please do not hesitate.

All prices are per bulb; these are specialty products, many of which are the decades-long breeding achievements of the late Dr. John Reed. Lots of gratis will be included, per usual. Thank you for your patience!



2022 PHS Daffodils

www.phsdaffodils.com

These bulbs sell out quickly ~Ed.

IDS Donates Bulbs to Mitchell's Friendship Park

~by Sherry Holliday

Daffodil bulbs were planted in <u>Mitchell, Indiana's</u> newly developed Friendship Park flower beds.

Friendship Park is located on Main Street in beautiful downtown Mitchell. The small "vest pocket" park had been a bank parking lot most recently and before that the site of a commercial building.

It is also the Blue Jacket Trailhead, a 2.6 mile loop through downtown Mitchell.

Volunteers, including this IDS member, weed and tend the flower beds. Nearby shop owners, local residents and visitors expressed delight to see the park's flower beds come alive with daffodil blooms this spring.

Thank you to IDS for their bulb donations. Both photos, right, IDS member, Sherry Holliday at Friendship Park.





ROOKE ROUNDUP Getting Started in Daffodils

Start a spreadsheet now, before it becomes too big a job!

Whether you choose Excel on your desktop computer, or Google Sheets online, starting your Daffodil Database early in your daffodil hobby will aid you down the road—far in excess of the time it takes to start and maintain it. To begin, simply add columns and input daffodils you are already growing. Plan to add at least the names of the bulbs imme-

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diately as you acquire them at sales or exchanges every fall, and increase the information during the winter.

Good to Know

Don't Plant Daffodils Under a Bird Feeder







Image from BestNest.com

It's true. Daffodils are one of many plants adversely impacted by sunflower hulls. Former ADS President, Mike Berrigan, had this to say about it: "The bird feeder issue stems from the shells of sunflower seeds which prevent the general growth and elongation of cells."

The best (and most hilarious) article for more information on poisonous sunflower seed hulls is an <u>"Ask A Master Gardener"</u> article from Shelly Murphy, Carroll County, Georgia Master Gardener and Extension Volunteer. File under "Good to Know".

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Lightning Bug Valley, Deputy, Indiana

~photos and article by Julie Huff

Lightning Bug Valley farm is open March-October and offers U-pick daffodils, zinnias, and sunflowers.

In the spring of 2021, we opened our fields to small groups, school field trips and sold at a few local markets. Last year we added additional bulbs, and a sculpture garden. Our future goals include increasing our cut flowers and preserving historic daffodils in our sculpture garden.

In addition to the U-pick area we offer a 19 acre wildflower field for butterfly and family-friendly Lightning Bug Night tours.

We are located in beautiful <u>Deputy, Indiana.</u> For more information, please visit our website <u>www.LightningBugvalley.com</u>.





Welcome New Members!

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other events (see picnic p. 7)

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Andrew Carty, Indianapolis

Shirley Heyob/Ken Cradler family, Lawrenceburg IN

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Welcome to the Newsletter!

This is a digital newsletter with clickable links for nearly every article.

Please click on them to learn more!

We are looking for photos of every IDS event! If you attend the sales, digs or meetings, pullout your cell phone and send a photo to me! If you have an article, send it in to me, and don't forget the photos!

~Suzy Wert, Editor



Merlin Bird ID App from The Cornell Lab

Identify the birds you see or hear with Merlin Bird ID app, the free global bird guide with photos, sounds, maps, and more.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's <u>Macaulay</u> <u>Library</u> is the world's largest and oldest scientific archive of wildlife recordings.

Now you can Identify Bird Songs and Calls on your phone using Merlin's Sound ID which listens to the birds around you and shows real-time suggestions for who's singing. With the click of a button, you can compare your recording to the songs heard.

Explore birds near you - wherever you go.

Spotlight on Olivia R.

~by Sara Kinne

Olivia R. was the darling of her first show in 2019 when she staged her flowers on Thursday night in a whirlwind of activity. She showed us a thing to two once she and mom were introduced to Daffseek.

Olivia's enthusiasm was beautiful and her energy was amazing to the over 50 crowd! She won individuals ribbons at that 2019 show and went on to bigger

awards this year, winning Best Youth Ribbon for 'Rapture', and the Best Youth Vase of Three with 'Fly Half'.

For me personally, it gave me energy to keep on doing what I love and that is promoting daffodils. As a post script, I was startled to she how adult looking Olivia was after not seeing her since 2020 at the Frey property at bloom-time in Bloomington. That is progress. You go, Girl!

Olivia also won **Best Youth** Photograph with Tahiti 4 Y-O at the 2020 virtual FF.



Above: Olivia R. and her brother Nathan with author Sara Kinne at show time



where to go to have her entry card double-checked, the über-organized Lvnn Slackman!



Photo above, right. Olivia evaluates her remaining flowers at the 2022 show.



Above: Olivia's Winning Youth Vase of Three, 'Fly Half'



Above; 'Rapture' Olivia's Winning Best Youth Entry.

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2022 Summer Picnic

Bruce Eveslage will host this year's IDS picnic at his beautiful home and garden Sat. July 16 from noon till 4 PM. IDS Hospitality will provide table service and barbecue (pulled pork and pulled chicken) and Bruce will provide iced tea, lemonade, water, and table service Please bring a covered dish, salad, or fruit. There is a 4-sided screened porch (no AC) for our use, and if you want to walk the property, remember it's tick season, so use preventative methods. (see below).

We will park in the <u>Floyds Knobs Christian</u> <u>Church</u> lot and a shuttle will convey us to the house. There is no provision at the house for parking, and he requests that vehicles stay off the grass by the lane. *Call Pete Kinne 812-369-8302 for the shuttle.*

Please RSVP to <u>Pete Kinne</u> by this weekend so we can estimate our needs.

Bruce's info: 502 593-2210 3840 Paoli Pike Floyds Knobs 47119

Tick Spray

~by Cindy Haeffner, Hermann, MO

We are cattle ranchers as well as daffodil growers and like the cows, the mosquitoes and ticks are happy and thriving out in our grass pastures.

Our <u>favorite tick spray</u> has many things going for it, it is Permethrin–based, it is sprayed on fabric, not skin, it lasts a month, and *it works for both mosquitoes* and ticks!



Above: Judy Moon puts the finishing touches on the Judge's Luncheon. She is directly responsible for getting the judges in a good mood right before they judge the flowers! Photo: Trish Walters



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2022 Daffodil Show Awards

~by Tom Stettner, Flower photos, Tom Stettner, People pics, Suzy Wert

Best in Show

The <u>2022 Daffodil Show</u> was held at our regular venue, The Hamilton Ice Rink in Columbus on April 15. Sue Luken was once again the Show Chairman. There were 218 entries made by 20 exhibitors for a total of 560 stems.

DaffLibrary has not only all the <u>winners</u>, but a full complement of <u>photos from the show</u>.

Best in Show went to an Intermediate this year, 'Winks', a 2Y-YOO entered by visiting exhibitor and Judge, Gary Knehans.

'Winks' came from his Intermediate collection and was cute as the dickens!

Photos right: Gary Knehans examining a bloom during staging.

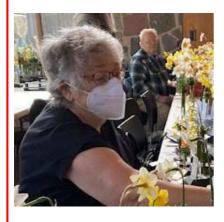
Far right: Gary taking a photo of his Best in Show, 'Winks' (Just proves that even long-time exhibitors get excited about a Best in Show Award!)







The Silver Piggy





Kathleen Simpson, judge and exhibitor from West Virginia, won the ADS Silver Ribbon for the most Blue Ribbons in a single show. Affectionately nicknamed The Silver Piggy Award, Kathleen had a whopping 32 Blue Ribbons!

White Ribbon Best Vase of Three to Lemon Honey



Another double-ribbon winner was a threestem collection of Lemon Honey exhibited by Sue Luken.

Lemon Honey won the 3 stem Intermediate AND the White Ribbon for the best standard 3 stems in the show.

As commented on by Judge/exhibitor, Kathleen Simpson:

"These were the nicest Lemon Honey I've seen! Sue says she got the bulbs from me, so I have a mix of pride and irritation. Mine are never that spectacular!"

Tom Stettner

Tom Stettner is from Cincinnati, but comes to Columbus, IN to not only judge, but exhibit. He takes stellar photos after our shows, so we are indeed thankful for him and grateful for his efforts.



Above: Tom Stettner examines his Rose Ribbon winning seedling, the 2WWY-O.

Best Small Grower's Bloom



Miranda Rocky won the Best Small Grower's Bloom with 'Bald Eagle', shown above, a beautiful 1W-W Trumpet bred by Bill Pannill.



Above: Joel and Miranda Rockey staging flowers, 2022

IDS Calendar

~Jim Wilson

IDS meeting and picnic, bulb cleaning at Bruce Eveslage's. See article.p.7

August, 2022

13,14

bulb sales Indiana State Fair

27

1pm-4pm, IDS meeting Brown County Library Nashville, IN

October, 2022

IDS meeting and plant exchange. Location TBD

Sue Luken Hands Out Powertank Pens at the **February Meeting**

The best, the very best, pens to use on daffodils stems when picking for show are the Powertank pens by Uniball. Sue presented all members with a special Power Tank pen, a useful pen that will write on wet paper or a daffodil stem and the ink will not wash away. Cherish it!





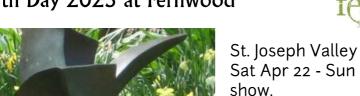


Writes on wet paper (and daffodil stems)



13988 Range Lind Road

Earth Day 2023 at Fernwood



St. Joseph Valley Daffodil Society has chosen Sat Apr 22 - Sun Apr 23 for their 2023 daffodil

IDS members are welcome. Exhibitors can also participate in the Earth Day events at Fernwood without charge.

Yearly dues are only \$5.00/year, make checks out to R.Daniel Bellinger, 70093 Gumwood Rd, Niles, MI 49120.

A Cautionary Tale of Tick Borne Diseases

~by Sara Kinne

At the moment I am undergoing antibiotic therapy with Doxycycline for *ehrlichiosis*, a <u>bacterial infection</u> from the bite of a lone star tick.

I am no stranger to the disease, having had it twice before with severe symptoms. This time when I removed the tick, alarm bells rang in my head and a decision had to be made; wait and see if this particular tick carried the disease and I developed symptoms that couldn't be denied or start the antibiotic now.

My experience with lone star bites is profound itching at the site and this time was no different, in fact it was more noticeable and the inflamed area increased over time. I waited 12 hours and made the decision to take the 10 days of Doxycycline. That decision wasn't made willingly as the antibiotic is not easily tolerated by my stomach and my default thinking is "I'll feel better tomorrow."

In the first couple of days I had mild chilling off and on, malaise, and mild headache at the base of my skull which was a concern for me as I rarely get headaches. In my previous infections, the headaches were horrendous. The antibiotic was necessary.



The Lone Star Tick, iStock

Here are bits of information I know about ehrlichiosis:

- The patient may or may not remember getting a tick bite.
- It is carried by the lone star tick and the blacklegged tick; the small white spot on the back of the lone star tick is irregular and does not look like the Texas flag.
- The lone star tick has been found as far east as Maine and as far north as Nebraska.

The tick vector needs to have been attached for at least 24 • hours to infect a human.

- There are three different Ehrlichia bacteria that can cause ehrlichiosis.
- A definitive diagnosis is through specialized blood tests that have to be sent elsewhere.
- A decreased platelet count on a Complete Blood Count (CBC) is a red flag when a tick borne disease is being considered.
- Treatment is started immediately whenever tick borne disease is suspected.
- This disease can cause organ damage and death.

IDS Public Day

~by Sara Kinne, photos Trish Walters



The focus is a hands-on experience for the children and parents to connect with the earth, through art, transplanting a blooming bulb, and discussion of how a daffodil grows.

Since the IDS show has been at the Hamilton Community Center and Ice Rink, we have benefitted from large numbers of children and families coming into the show area and taking advantage of the three activity stations.

VP Lynn Courson and IDS member Sherry Holliday cut ribbon for <u>Public Day</u> crafts station, one of three stations showing kids a little about daffodils. Public Day is always the second day of the Daffodil Show.



Trish Walters and her niece on Public Day. Both are adorable, but only one of them has a cute headband.

Upcoming ADS Events



