

2017 Midseason Midwest Update

I hope everyone had a nice Easter (or Passover).

First, I wanted to remind everyone that the Columbus show scheduled for Saturday and Sunday has been cancelled.

I hope everyone who was planning to exhibit there can instead bring their blooms to Indianapolis this weekend. Remember the Indy show sets up on Thursday (today) afternoon and evening and Friday morning, is judged on Friday, and is open to the public on Friday and Saturday. The show venue does not open until 9 AM on Friday and entries close at 11 AM sharp, so if you are travelling same day and have a lot of flowers to put in please make sure you have your entry tags done beforehand and your entries organized and pre-staged. The show schedule is attached.

After a two year hiatus due to venue issues and scheduling conflicts with the national convention, the South West Ohio Daffodil Society had its show at the Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park in Cincinnati. Despite numerous obstacles, including late setup and a larger number of flowers and exhibitors than expected (always a good thing), as well as outdoor staging in 40 degree weather, the show was a big success with both exhibitors and the public, with high visibility to Krohn visitors, high traffic and lots of interest.

And – best of all – I finally got to see the Daffmobile:



This was a pretty popular stop for photos for prom goers.

Best in show went to Rebecca Koesters, who has won many ribbons in her ADS career but never the standard Gold. This was an excellent 'Katrina Rea':



A few other flowers of note. This is a seedling of Mary Lou Gripshover's which won the Rose ribbon:



And, also from breeder and exhibitor Mary Lou Gripshover, the intermediate 'Eden Park', named after the park in which the show was being held:



The mini gold was the *N. jonquilla* out of Suzy Wert's Watrous collection:





The Midwest show season will officially wrap up with the new midweek show in Niles, MI on Wednesday, April 26. Here is the show information:

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Michigan 49120

Entries will be accepted Wednesday morning, April 26.

For more information contact the show chair, Dan Bellinger at rdanielbellinger@gmail.com or at (269) 683-2804.

Dr. John Reed's daffodil fields (all 20 acres) will be open to the public during the Niles show. Oakwood Daffodils is located just a few minutes away from the show venue, so if you are in the areas please stop by.

There are two shows in Western Pennsylvania next weekend. One is Joe Hamm's show in Washington, PA:

Western Pennsylvania Daffodil Growers South

Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30

Joe Hamm's Barn, 99 Maple Road, Buffalo Village, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301

Entries will be accepted Friday evening, April 28 and Saturday morning, April 29

For more information contact Joe Hamm at joehamm1@juno.com or at (724) 345-3762

The other is just north of Pittsburgh:

The Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania

Saturday, April 29

Shadyside Academy and Ice Rink, 423 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Entries will be accepted Saturday morning, April 29

For more information contact Stephen Plato at sjplato46@gmail.com or at (412) 478-7865.

I have office hours tomorrow and will not be able to attend the Indianapolis show, so if someone (hello, IDS) would like to send me a summary and some photos I would be happy to share it with the group.

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