

Pacific Region Newsletter

February 6, 2017

ADS Pacific Region Friends,

Coming to the ADS Convention and National Daffodil Show (March 10-12) in Sacramento at the DoubleTree by Hilton? Room reservations can be made through February 15 at (916) 929-8855. When making your reservation, mention the code word DAF or [click here](#) and be rewarded with the low room rate of \$109 plus tax. If the time period is excessive for you, partial registrations (breakfasts, lunches and dinners) can be purchased, too. For partial registration, call Nancy Tackett at (925) 372-8083.

The Mitsch/Havens daffodil enterprise in Hubbard, Oregon has closed. Our memory of a lifetime of beautiful new daffodils is fading. Yet, the 2017 Convention offers a chance to review and recapture this history. Elise Havens is the Saturday night Keynote Speaker. She titles her event as: "87 years - a Family Daffodil Business." Without asking her, I anticipate remembrances of Grant and Amy Mitsch and the follow-on of daughter Elise and son-in-law Dick Havens, perhaps with inputs from another Mitsch daughter Eileen Frey and Elise and Dick's children. Lots of the best blooms too! Who wouldn't enjoy this?

Then on Sunday evening, after an enjoyable visit to the start of the 1848 California Gold Rush, Richard Ezell sends us home with original daffodil news and savvy suggestions. In addition to growing and showing daffodils superbly, Richard has another skill - storytelling! You might hear of ways to use growing daffodils to improve your health - simpler than going to the gym every day and more healthful than drinking beer from your fridge! Who knows what he will tell you? Whatever, it will wrap-up humorously several days of mixing with and making new friends in the world of daffodils!

While you are at the Show and Convention, be sure to meet our overseas attendees:

Graham Phillips, prominent grower and hybridizer from New Zealand
Jan and Ans Pennings, daffodil internationalists from Holland
Ian Tyler, our daffodil friend from England
Nial Watson, from Northern Ireland, exhibitor and proprietor of 'Ringhaddy Daffodils', who recently sold his daffodil stocks to 'Esker Daffodils'
Julie Hardy, co-proprietor, along with her husband Dave, of 'Esker Daffodils' in Northern Ireland (also sells Brian Duncan's cultivars)

See you there!
Bob Spotts