



## **NORTHEAST REGION SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019**

### **AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY**

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### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES IN THE REGION**

March 17, 2PM Tuscarora Daffodil Group at Robert and Mary Darling's 6405 Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville, PA. Kate and Mitch Carney will give a program on "A History of Trumpet Daffodils" which will cover the evolution of the daffodil from wild species to the latest registrations.

### **UPCOMING SHOW DATES IN THE REGION**

March 25-27 Garden Club of VA Daffodil Show, Richmond, VA  
March 31-April 1 Virginia Daffodil Society, Richmond, VA  
April 6-7 Gloucester Daffodil Festival, Gloucester VA  
April 9 Upperville Garden Club, Upperville, VA  
April 8,9,11 District 11 Daffodil Show, Severna Park, MD  
April 12, 13, 14 Washington Daffodil Society Show  
April 20-21 Delaware Valley, Devon, PA  
April 23-25 Maryland Daffodil Society Show, Baltimore, MD  
April 27-28 Tuscarora/Chambersburg Garden Club, Chambersburg, PA (Regional Show)

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

April 5 ADS Judging School 1, Gloucester, VA  
May 2-5 2019 ADS National Convention, Minneapolis, MN  
April 23-25 2021 National Convention, Gettysburg, PA

Check the ADS website and the Journal for further information on these and other dates which are not currently determined as I write.

### **NOTES FROM RVP REBECCA BROWN**

I know, I know, that is no daffodil. But, in our house, you take what you get – and isn't that a beauty? Almost daily, Richard emerges from the basement with a hoary old bulb showing a light green nubbin at the top. The wait is not long, but the stem is. Something to do with our dreary winter light. Oh, the glorious blooms that spring forth way up there. So, I had to share our Evergreen with you. Daffodils to follow...

Last, but certainly not least, I give you words from my husband, Richard Ezell, much more the daffodil expert than I.

### **EASY IS GOOD BUT YOU CAN DO IT BETTER**

Today I've been thinking about planting bulbs, yeh, daffodils, not garlic or onion sets or even starting dahlia tubers in the cellar. I know you've all been told to plant early, and some of you have heard me say that's horse....Many folks plant too early (as in September). But today I will confess I've planted some daffodils too late this time round. I quit after a chill ice-breaking dig on February 8. (Okay, okay, I've a few huddled pitifully yet in my cellar). But, hey, two of my friends nearby, both better growers than I probably, confessed recently they've still got a few they hope to get in "in the next thaw."

The point I really want to make is this: of all the great flowers of the world – not talking about zinnia, petunias, marigolds, or daylilies – daffodils are simply THE EASIEST TO GROW. You drop a bulb into the ground; whether you paid \$50 for it from Northern Ireland or 50 cents at Walmart, whether you plant it in September or next week in March, in sun or shade, point up or bottom up, chances are good you'll see a lovely bloom when daffodil season arrives.

Okay, that much aside...you'd probably hope your bulb would bloom again next time round and possibly (uhoh, we're getting serious now,) you'd enjoy being able to pick a bloom to enter in a local daffodil show.

DO THIS: Order some bulbs (doesn't have to be many or the more expensive ones) from one of the specialist growers whose names and addresses you'll find on the American Daffodil Society's website: <https://daffodilusa.org>

Contact several of them soon for free lists or catalogs; look about at your nearby shows for things you like and hunt them up on the pricelists. Order a few in early summer, plant them next October or November, and expect happiness.

