

## **Livermore Daffodil Show, February 29 - March 1, 2020**

The 51st Annual Northern California Daffodil Show will be held in Livermore at the Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane. Dates are Saturday and Sunday, February 29 and March 1, 2020. The Show will be in the building on the northeast corner of the Nursery. The Show will be open from 1 to 5pm on Saturday, and from 10am to 4pm on Sunday. Admission is free! There will be Show attendants available to guide individuals and groups through the Show, explaining the Awards.

Daffodil blooms vary in size from 'large' Standards to 'smallish' Intermediates to 'tiny' Miniatures. Daffodils in the Show will be separated into blooms of similar size. Common garden daffodils that you have seen growing over the years will also compete against each other.

Have you seen daffodils other than all yellow (commonly known as 'King Alfred')? In the numerous cultivars grown and shown, their petal colors can be all white, yellow, orange, red, pink, or green – or a combination of these! Similarly, one or a combination of these colors may be in the cup/trumpet. Blooms of similar color are presented together. Individual blooms of daffodils with a single bloom are grouped by the length of their cup (eg, trumpets together, etc). But other factors also create groupings: hybrids with wild-growing daffodil species from Spain/Portugal (ie, triandrus, cyclamineus, jonquilla, poeticus, viridiflorus) yield blooms of unique shape and can have multiple blooms. Blooms from each of these types are grouped together. Doubles (they look like camellias) are the result of a natural mutation and are also together.

Each of the different forms will be judged and a leader chosen. From all the leaders there comes a "Best in Show." See if you agree with the Judges decisions. And if not, ask them why they made their decision!

Entry of daffodil blooms is open to all. Daffodils are entered as a single stem, or as three stems of the same cultivar. To enter your bloom be sure to cut its stem as long as you can (eg, maybe a foot or more in length). Each stem will be placed in a test tube full of water. If you are growing daffodils in a pot/container, you don't need to cut them for the Show. Just bring the pot with its daffodils. We'll have a separate competition among pot-grown/shown daffodils! All gardeners may enter their blooms by bringing them to the showplace on Friday afternoon/evening (4 to 10pm) or on Saturday morning before 10am. For more details, call Show Chair Kirby Fong at (925) 443-3888.