



# Daffodil Society of Minnesota

## 2020 Minnesota Events

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### The Daffodil Show Needs You!



Enjoy an educational  
exhibition of daffodil  
blooms from local gardens!

We will have daffodil  
blooms - come to  
[Bachman's on Lyndale](#),  
May 2-3, 2020!

- Bring **flowers** to enter!
- Bring **photographs** to enter!
- **Munchies** are appreciated by show volunteers ([Bachman's](#) requires they must be store-prepared, no "home made").

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Dear Mary Lou,

Spring will come, can you feel it?! This email covers our upcoming spring show, and other events in 2020. Also, a fun tidbit, courtesy of a daffodil friend in Pennsylvania!

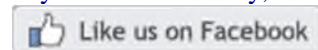
First up, a quick recap of the January 31st Annual Meeting.

Next, our annual daffodil show happens in early May - plan to participate, [May 2-3, 2020](#), at [Bachman's on Lyndale](#)! Come experience the joy of daffodil blooms. [Contact Margaret Macneale](#), Show Chair, to learn more about how you can participate this spring.

If the daffodil bloom season cooperates, we will offer self-guided tours of members' gardens this spring.

We have several events scheduled this summer and fall - check out the entire [2020 event calendar](#)!

If you haven't already, 'like' us on Facebook!



### ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

#### The Annual Meeting was January 31st

The Daffodil Society of Minnesota held its Annual Meeting on Friday, January 31st. We elected officers for 2020, and planned out the rest of the year.

[2020 Board of Directors](#)

President - Margaret Macneale

- **Please volunteer!**

Contact 612-581-3426 or [daffodilmn1@gmail.com](mailto:daffodilmn1@gmail.com) to get details!

### Quick Links

[2020 DSM Calendar - Don't Miss the Fun!](#)

[Daffodil Care Month-by-Month](#)

[Learn more](#)

[American Daffodil Society's daffnet.org](#)

### Is your membership current?

Our records show your membership is paid through . We're glad you're part of the DSM!

If you are not current through at least 2020, [click here](#) to renew now - only \$5 per year for individual or household!

[It's never too late to renew](#) in order to participate in all the DSM benefits and functions throughout the year.

Invite your friends to join, too!



### We are on Facebook!



Vice President - Deb Wheeler (also Publicity)  
 Secretary - Chris Vickery (also Membership)  
 Treasurer - Kathy Julius  
 Director At Large - Stephanie Digby  
 Director At Large - Jenn Lanz

You may contact us at any time at [daffodilmn1@gmail.com](mailto:daffodilmn1@gmail.com).

See our entire [2020 calendar](#) for our other plans!

## DAFFODIL SHOW - MAY 2-3, 2020

**Spring Show - Celebrate spring with daffodil blooms and photographs!**



Daffodil tags appear as the snow melts!

The [43rd Annual Daffodil Show at Bachman's on Lyndale](#) will celebrate spring, [May 2-3, 2020!](#) Our gardens are snow covered now, but spring will come!

**The 2020 show will feature fresh daffodil blooms. And, the show will include photographs**

of daffodils!

***Come get a burst of spring bloom from the fresh daffodil flowers at Bachman's, May 2-3, 2020!***

### **Here are ways you can participate:**

**DAFFODIL BLOOMS** - our gardens will have blooms, hopefully by May 1st. If so, this is the year to bring them to the show! We will help you enter blooms if you have never done this before.

As a DSM member, the first time you exhibit in the show you will be given **10 free show-quality daffodil bulbs** in fall 2020! Don't miss out!

**If you have not entered daffodil blooms in prior shows, contact the show chair, Margaret Macneale, to discuss how to get them in to the show.**

**PHOTOGRAPHS** - take new photos this spring, and also look through photos of past years for daffodils: Daffodils with children, daffodils with animals (from insects to your pets!), daffodils in the landscape, daffodil 'portraits'. Children, in particular, are encouraged to bring their photos of daffodils!

It is easy to print photos at Walgreens or CVS. Minimum size 5 x 6, maximum size 11 x 14. Bring to the show and we will help you mount them for display and the "popular vote" contest! (See [page 11-12 at this link](#) for full details!)

Photography entries may be delivered or mailed in advance to the show chair, or brought on Saturday morning May 2nd, between 8:00 and 10:00 AM. [Contact the show chair](#) for information on how to enter your photos.

**VOLUNTEER** - Considering [volunteering](#) at the show! [Let us know](#) when you can help out! You will learn a lot, and spend time among the daffodil blooms! [Click here!](#)

## CURIOUS TALES ABOUT WELL-KNOWN DAFFODILS

**Provided by Richard Ezell, Gettysburg, PA**

Daffodil hybridizers often harvest dozens of seed pods from a single cross hoping for just one, only one, really good flower from their effort. Well, back sometime in the 1930's English daffodil enthusiast Cyril Coleman made a cross with a [cyclamineus \(Division 6\)](#) species.

He harvested only *one* pod of seeds, but from that one pod came three cultivars that even now, more than 80 years later, remain among the best known [Div. 6 hybrids](#) (you know, those with windswept petals): [Jenny](#),



Charity May 6 Y-Y

Dove Wings 6 W-Y

Charity May, and Dove Wings. Imagine the luck!

But daffodil lore has an even more unlikely occurrence in breeding: Alec Gray, the first great hybridizer of miniatures, in the 1940's harvested one seed pod from little Cyclataz. Now, Cyclataz was "known" to be infertile, at least it had never before been known to set seed (nor has it since) and this time the pod contained but *three tiny seeds*. Yet each one grew for him and bloomed. We know them today as Quince, Jumblic, and **Tete-a-Tete**, one of the most popular daffodil in the world.

Pretty amazing!

(And thank you, Richard Ezell, for the fun hybridizing history! The photos are courtesy of the ADS website [daffseek.org](http://daffseek.org))



Tete-a-Tete 12 Y-Y  
You have seen it in many florists' pots!

## 2020 DAFFODIL EVENTS COMING UP

Being a member of DSM brings opportunities to learn about all aspects of growing daffodils!

Check out the entire 2020 DSM calendar of events. We will be **digging bulbs** in nearby Ellsworth, WI in June, and as a member you will earn free bulbs if you help out! This year there will be mechanical help with the digging, so it should be a somewhat less strenuous task - hurrah!



Jane Klein and Deb Wheeler  
clean and bag bulbs

In August we will be **cleaning and bagging bulbs for sale** - another chance to earn free bulbs for your own garden, to say nothing of the fun of spending a few hours with other daffodil lovers!

Then in September we'll have the members-only **Bulb Roundup**,

where members can pick the minds of experienced daffodil growers, all while selecting wonderful bulbs. Volunteer during the year and you will be among those getting first-pick!



The annual Bulb Roundup features great bulbs!  
Volunteer during the year and yours will be FREE!

Check out the entire [2020 calendar](#).

## MINNEAPOLIS NATIONAL DAFFODIL CONVENTION

### Minnesota hosted the 2019 National Convention

Our local group hosted the May, 2019 National Convention of the [American Daffodil Society](#). We had 4 days of fun, and amazingly good weather.



Local member Sue Nyhammer coordinated excellent signage throughout the hotel

Many local members put in long hours at the boutique, checking in attendees, in their gardens preparing for tours, preparing table arrangements, and many other tasks. THANK YOU to all our local hardworking members!

Here are just a few photos from the fun. For many more photos, look back at the [June 2019 DSM newsletter!](#)



Steve Rutz (R) is coached by Bob Spotts, from California, on how to enter Steve's blooms in the show



In spite of the late spring here in Minnesota, the show room was full of blooms brought from elsewhere in the country!



Over 100 photos were entered, including several by local members



We toured Jenn Lanz's "Wonderland Garden" - indeed wonderful!

The Daffodil Society of Minnesota is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit educational organization.



The Daffodil Society of Minnesota promotes growing daffodils in Minnesota, and works to educate its members and the general public on how to grow them successfully in this climate. In short, we have "Yellow Fever" and we love to share it!

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The DSM is affiliated with the [American Daffodil Society](#).

[www.daffodilusa.org](http://www.daffodilusa.org)

[www.daffseek.org](http://www.daffseek.org), a searchable photo database

[www.daffnet.org](http://www.daffnet.org), a forum for daffodil enthusiasts to share ideas and information

[www.dafflibrary.org](http://www.dafflibrary.org), a treasure trove of digitized historical writings

[www.dafftube.org](http://www.dafftube.org), access to presentations related to daffodils

