

Midwest Region Newsletter



February, 2020

From your RVP—

Welcome to our fifth short newsletter.

Already the welcome tips of green are making their way up through our pine needles. Happy New Year!

I hope to see some of you in Texas. At that convention, Rebecca Koesters and Naomi Liggett will complete their terms as Regional Director and Nominating Committee Representative. They deserve our thanks for serving the region. Taking over in those positions will be [George McGowan](#) and [Tom Stettner](#).

--[Jim Wilson](#), RVP

Regional Directors:

[Rebecca Koesters](#)

[Daniel Bellinger](#)

[Tamara Mitman](#)

National Nominating Committee Representative:

[Naomi Liggett](#)

Save the Date!

Our fall 2020 regional meeting will be held at Wegerzyn Gardens on October 17. We appreciate the efforts of others to suggest alternate possibilities for meeting spots. However, Wegerzyn has excellent space and facilities for us and is centrally located in the region. Thank you again to Margaret Baird for reserving the space.



Rijnveld's Early Sensation 1 Y-Y (F. Herbert Chapman, 1956) is always the first to open in our yard. PHOTO: Janet Wilson

You normally have to be bashed about a bit by life to see the point of daffodils, sunsets and uneventful nice days.

--Alain de Botton

Our 2022 ADS National Convention

The responsibility for hosting national conventions rotates among the seven ADS regions in the US. Dallas Daffodil Society is hosting this year, and the Chambersburg, PA group in the Northeast region is hosting in 2021.

We are grateful for the work of Mary Lou Gripshover and the exploratory committee. They considered several possible locations, including Indianapolis, Dayton, Louisville, and Northern Kentucky. Since no single club felt comfortable taking on the hosting

task alone, we are choosing to meet our responsibility as a region, drawing on talents from all our participants.

We are fortunate that [Sara Kinne](#) and [Jeanne Lager](#) have stepped forward to co-chair the convention. Their choice for a host city is Louisville, and we are now working toward a contract with a hotel there. Already a few people have volunteered their talents to work on some of the many jobs that we'll need done. We'll need people to work on registration, accounting, programs, tours, multimedia, publications, publicity, transportation, sponsor development, and people to work on the show—judges, clerks, classification, properties, photography, hospitality. There are lots of jobs, large and small, enough for everyone to participate to the full extent they want to.

Sara and Jeanne are now in the process of matching all the many talented people in the region to

responsibilities. Please help them in this process by letting them know the things you'd most like to do and would also consider doing. Also, if you know of someone else who has talents they may not want to boast about themselves and would be good at certain jobs, Sara and Jeanne would like your help in recruiting those people as well. We have the opportunity to build a great team.

Welcome New Member!

Scott Kunst
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Scott has been a contact with us for Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, and we welcome him as a member.

Join a Plant Society Day at Krohn Conservatory (February 22)

--Tom Stettner

There were several societies in site for the day, including Bonsai, Hosta, Daylily, Herb, Rose, Orchid & Dahlia groups. All had a bounty of information and staff available for the public to look over and printed material to take home.

The Krohn is a nice medium size Greenhouse in Cincinnati's Eden Park and is enjoyed by a large population of the public throughout the years. They have an area that changes displays as the seasons change which always seems to be popular. The manger display with live animals and actors portraying the holy family is always a big hit with the public around the city.



The plant society day seemed to be quite well attended and set up in the "Bonsai" room of the green house, which attracts good attention besides the plant societies being on site for this special day. There were families strolling through with their little ones and we were able to offer some coloring pages to them and of course invited all to attend our Daffodil show on April 11th in the big tent, yet to be setup in front of the building.

Mary Lou Gripshover, Linda Wallpe and I had a great day with the public and seemed to generate some interest.

Texas 2020 ADS National Convention March 12-16

Coming up soon! Complete your planning at

<https://daffodilusa.org/events-show-calendar/national-convention/2020-national-convention/>

Midwest Shows Planned for 2020

Kentucky Daffodil and Bulb Society,

George Rogers Clark High School, 2745 Boonesboro Road, Winchester, KY

April [3]. 4-5, Michael Kuduk, kuduk@earthlink.net , (859) 556-0897

Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society,

Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH

April 11-12, Fred Lawlor, Lawlor.f@pg.com , (513) 473-8321

Indiana Daffodil Society,

Hamilton Community Ctr. and Ice Arena, 2501 Lincoln Park Drive, Columbus, IN

April [16], 17-18, Sue Luken, chemocurl@hotmail.com , (812) 794-3675

Central Ohio Daffodil Society,

Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH

April [17] 18-19, Phyllis Hess, daffphyll@hotmail.com , (614) 882-5720

Saint Joseph Valley Daffodil Society (2020 Midwest Regional Show),

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

April 22-23, Daniel Bellinger, rdanielbellinger@gmail.com , (330) 608-4882