



Message from the President:

Spring is coming or is it already here? Warm temperatures and almost no snow have pushed out the winter plants in the garden. Watch out, as many times we get the worst weather in March with a warm February. Regardless of what happens, we will have our **“Spring” meeting** this year on **Sunday, March 22nd 2020 at 2 PM**. It’s at the home of **Nancy Redington**. (Directions to follow). Bring food or drink to share. We always have the best! Many thanks to Grace Bender for hosting our Fall Meeting at Bender farm.

After a short business meeting, Kate and I will present a program on All Things Miniature Daffodils. We’ll cover growing, showing, judging and the latest cultivars. This program was done as a judge’s refresher at the 2019 American Daffodil Society Fall Board Meeting.

We will also talk about daffodil pots for exhibition, one of our new classes for our upcoming show. There are also new classes for miniatures and standards that have been added for this year’s show:

**84th Consecutive Daffodil Show of the
Chambersburg Garden Club &
Tuscarora Daffodil Group**



Saturday April 25, 2020 1:30-7 pm

Sunday April 26, 2020 12-4 pm

First Lutheran Church
43 West Washington Street
Chambersburg, PA

Open to the public and free admission!



We will also cover the upcoming American Daffodil Society National Convention and Show that we will be hosting April 23-25th 2021. The show will be held at the Wyndham Hotel Gettysburg. Things are coming together and it will be a great time next year. See Richard's article.

Look for more information at www.daffodilusa.org

Looking forward to seeing everybody at our Spring Meeting and talking daffodils again!

Mitch Carney

TDG President

TUSCARORA GOES BIG TIME?

By Richard Ezell

Well . . . we've got a BIG JOB before us in April 2021. The American Daffodil Society's 2021 Convention sponsored by us, is going to take place April 23 through 25 at the Wyndham Hotel just outside Gettysburg. There will likely be around 150 participants from all over the U. S. and several overseas visitors as well. Mary Darling and Richard Ezell are co-chairs but as you can guess, this is a responsibility that we hope will be shared by all of us in the Tuscarora Group.

We are still working on the program specifics: planning an interesting mix of daffodils, history, education and fun. Mitch Carney (helped of course by Kate) is the National Show Chairman. We are expecting a large show indeed and hope all of you might be interested in volunteering to help with the show, and/or any of the other tasks that will be looming before us.

Our fundraising is about to start. If you yourself would like to support the cause with a contribution or know of some potential sponsors from the business or professional communities that you might contact, soon will be the time to do it.

We hope all of you will enjoy the experience of this major endeavor and might find ways to help in pulling it off.

Mary Darling ads2021pa@gmail.com and rich40reb@gmail.com.

Fall Meeting Minutes

The Fall meeting of the Tuscarora group was held on October 11, 2019 at the home of Grace Ann Bender

- The meeting opened by President Mitch Carney at 2:40
- Mitch presented a demonstration and instruction on creating and entering a Pot of Blooming Daffodils in advance of our Tuscarora Spring 2020 show on April 25th and at the National Show in Gettysburg April 23-25th 2021.

Parameters for entries are pots of small blooms which should have the rim diameter between 4 and 8 inches and larger blooms in pots with a diameter between 8 and 12 inches.

- Bulbs and pots were available for purchase.

After a small break, the meeting was resumed at 3:30 with normal business.

- Mitch thanked Grace Ann for again hosting the fall meeting, and Robert and Mary Darling for hosting the previous meeting in March.
- Thanks were also extended to Kate for her wonderful editor and distributor of our newsletter.
- Curtis Aumiller presented the Treasurers report making note that our Group is also a member of the Washington Daffodil Society which enables our members to purchase bulbs through the fall WDS sale of unusual bulbs.
The full report has been filed for audit.
- It was announced that there are 12 new members, and the individuals were introduced.
- Mary Darling and Richard Ezell were announced as the co-chairs of the ADS Gettysburg National Convention April 23-25, 2021. The theme was announced as "Long Remember".

The convention will honor and feature Dr. William Bender

The proposed schedule for the convention is:

First Day: Show and Award Dinner

Second Day: Gettysburg Yours

Third Day: Social day and Local Garden Tours

As part of the planning, Ann Wood will be collecting memories of Dr. Bender.

There will be a Bazaar, where proceed will come to TDG.

Besides the Bazaar, members will be needed to help with the table decorations for three dinners, set up for the show, Bus Captains for tours.

- Carla Smith proposed the creation of and her sponsorship of a special class for competition in memory of long time and very active member, Barbara Peshkin, It was suggested that it be of miniature arrangement class due to Barb's fondness for them. This will be discussed with the Garden Club for 2020.
- Curtis reminded members of the Face Book Page that is available for information.

- **Meeting Date is Sunday March 22nd** to be held at **Nancy Redington's at 2PM.**
Business meeting was adjourned and Bulb exchange was begun.

Directions: Nancy Redington , 347 Leedy Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17202 phone: 717-264-6488 **Email: Rosered1@comcast.net**

Leedy Way East is on the North side of Route 30 opposite the Chambersburg Walmart

Traveling from West:

Turn left at the first light after the Walmart Shopping Center (which is on the right). The street is identified as St. John's Drive. Just to make things interesting. The opposing street to St Johns is Garman Drive.

Proceed up St Johns Drive to stop sign. Continue straight (you are now on Leedy Way East) to the top of the hill. 347 is on the right. It is a 2-story colonial with a 100 foot drive way. There is enough room at the top of the drive for approximately 4 cars for those who would experience difficulty walking up the drive.

The Walmart Center is approximately 3 miles on Route 30 west from the I-81 intersection.

Traveling from the East: Turn right at St Johns Drive. This is the intersection where there is the Uhaul.

Close Landmarks to St Johns Drive. Turn coming from east are Hoovers restaurant on the right, Car Wash. They are the second traffic light from these two places is St Johns Drive. The most notable landmark is St. Johns Church which is on the right and almost immediately followed by the St. John Traffic Light. If you find yourself driving by Walmart on your left you have gone too far.

Lost, just call we will find you!

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Redington, Secretary for the Tuscarora Daffodil Group



Welcome New Members

Kathy Brenneman from the Penn Cumberland Garden Club

Barb Ceo from the Dillsburg Garden Club

Jon and Betty Griffiths

Beth Harfmann from the Penn Cumberland Garden Club

Beverly Hartman From the Dillsburg Garden Club

Patty Maiers from the Cumberland Garden Club

Nettie Parsons from the Carlisle Garden Club

Gerry Waln from the Penn Cumberland Garden Club

Lorraine Whittington

Betty Wood

Mike Wood



WORD GOT OUT!

All these folks got to go first as New Members to pick from these overflowing tables of (free) daffodil bulbs!!

Many thanks to **Jon and Betsy Griffiths** and **Grace Ann Bender** (also our host for this meeting) for their generous contribution of bulbs for this year's bulb exchange. We had SO many bulbs we had to add extra tables!



Betsy + Jon Griffiths with Richard Ezell on the left and Curtis Aumiller on right with the few left at the end of the exchange.

Winners of the Bulb Auction

Anne Wood "Mt. Nittany"

Jim Taylor 'Elegant lady'

Curtis Aumiller 'Lackawanna'

Beth Harfmann 'Satin Moon'

Amelia Abrahams "Aurora Borealis"

Tips for the Spring Daffodil Garden

It's a good time to fertilize your daffodils. Use Bulb Tone lightly or Sulfate of Potash. This will allow time for the nutrients to be available for the active growing season. This can help the color, strength and size of your flowers.

A Couple of Curious Tales

By Richard Ezell

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 species. He harvested only one pod of seeds, but from that one pod came three cultivars that even now, more than 70 years later, remain among the best known Div. 6 hybrids (you know, those with windswept petals): Jenny, Charity May, and Dove Wings.



"Jenny"



"Charity May"



"Dove Wings"

But daffodil lore has an even more unlikely occurrence in breeding: Alec Gray, the first great hybridizer of miniatures, 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, Jumblie, and the most popular daffodil in the world, Tete-a-Tete.



"Quince"



"Jumblie"



"Tete-a-Tete"

The Tuscarora Daffodil Group at Bender Farm



Our secretary and host for this upcoming Spring meeting Nancy Redington

MEMBERSHIP FORM for the TUSCARORA DAFFODIL GROUP

Annual membership dues are \$10.00 for an individual.

With membership you receive the Tuscarora Newsletter (two annually), opportunity to participate in the fall bulb exchange and showing in special sections of the spring daffodil show. Furthermore, you provide financial support to one of the oldest daffodil groups in the country!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please send this completed form along with your check payable to the Tuscarora Daffodil Group to: Curtis Aumiller, 5 Brentwood Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011 Phone: 717-612-1575 Email: caumiller1@yahoo.com

