

The American Daffodil Society
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Trace the Path to Pink

Search the family history of a modern pink-cupped daffodil back to some of its wild ancestors. A flower has many ancestors, just like you.

People make daffodil history

For generations, daffodil lovers from around the world have artfully paired daffodils in pursuit of prized offspring—new hybrids. Hybridizers select daffodil parents for their color, shape, form or other characteristics, such as how well they grow.



'Assertion' 2 W.P. 1997
W.P. 1997

'Assertion' is a flower a large-cupped daffodil with white petals and a pink cup. It was registered for sale and distributed by the American Daffodil Society in 1997.

They mate—or cross—two flowers by transferring pollen from one flower (the pollen parent) to the stigma of the other flower (the seed parent). The cross is recorded as seed parent x pollen parent or, for example, 'Dailmanach' x 'Quasar'—the match that produced 'Assertion'.

PARENTS OF 'ASSERTION'

'Dailmanach' x 'Quasar'

'Dailmanach' 2 W.P. 1972
W.P. 1972



'Quasar' 2 W.P.P. 1977
W.P.P. 1977



TWO GRANDPARENTS OF 'ASSERTION'

'Verdita' 2 W.F. 1970
W.F. 1970

The parent of 'Dailmanach' was 'Verdita' and 'Verdita' was the first grandparent of 'Assertion'.



'Interplay' 2 W.W. 1970
W.W. 1970

'Interplay' is a parent of 'Dailmanach' and 'Dailmanach' is the grandparent of 'Assertion'. Though the exact path from 'Interplay' to 'Dailmanach' is not known, the likelihood is that 'Interplay' is a white-cupped flower, perhaps the ancestor of 'Verdita'.



RECURRING RELATIVES OF 'ASSERTION'



'Green Island' 2 W.C.P. 1959
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'Green Island' is a parent of 'Verdita' and 'Verdita' is the grandparent of 'Assertion'.



'Bernhardine' 2 W.V.H. 1959
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'Will Scarlett' 2 W.C. 1959
W.C. 1959

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'Malene de Groot' 2 W.W. 1959
W.W. 1959

'Malene de Groot' is a parent of 'Interplay' and 'Interplay' is the grandparent of 'Assertion'.

EARLIEST ANCESTORS OF 'ASSERTION'



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- stores.daffodilusastore.org - Buy the best of daffodil E-media, publications, supplies, and more from the ADS Webstore.
- daffilibrary.org - The American Daffodil Society Library, filled with over 4,000 periodical publications about daffodils.
- daffnet.org - A forum of discussion for daffodil enthusiasts around the world.
- dafftube.org - A repository of video and PowerPoint PPT presentations and programs about daffodils.
- daffweek.org - Explore over 30,000 named daffodils. See photos and descriptive information.



The American Daffodil Society is an organization of individuals who share a common interest in the daffodil. The Society is open to everyone from hobbyists and beginning gardeners to experienced botanists and daffodil experts. The ADS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

