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400 Years of Enjoying Daffodils at DaffLibrary.org



from *The Ladies Flower Garden of Ornamental Bulbous Plants* by Mrs. Loudon, 1841

The online library of the American Daffodil Society just keeps getting bigger and better.

“If you haven’t checked out [DaffLibrary.org](https://dafflibrary.org),” our friend Mary Lou Gripshover writes in the September 2020 issue of *Daffodil Journal*, “give it a look.” In it you’ll find every issue of the *Journal* from 1964-2014, ADS newsletters dating back to 1954, and a whole lot more.

“Interested in daffodil history?” she asks. “Then you might enjoy reading through writings of Peter Barr or W. Baylor Hartland from the 1880s. Or something a bit more recent? How about looking into the *American Daffodil Yearbooks* published from 1935-1938 by the American Horticultural Society? E-books are a recent addition, but check out *Yellow Fever: A Prospect of the History and Culture of Daffodils* by Dr. David Willis. In

these days of self-isolation, this book should keep you happily occupied for some time.”

In the site’s navigation bar you’ll find tabs for [Catalogs](#) (from the late 1800s right up to this fall), [Historic Publications](#) (from the 1636 edition of Gerard’s *Herbal* to our OHG daffodil newsletter archives!), [Articles and Notes](#), Diseases and Pests, Science, People, and more. In fact, there’s so much there that it can be a bit overwhelming, but if you think of it as a real library and start by opening just one title that sounds interesting, I bet you’ll be glad you did.

Read September’s [News, Alerts, & Quotation](#) .