

Midwest Region Newsletter

November, 2020



From your RVP—

Welcome to our tenth newsletter, short as always.

Happy planting season to all! My bulbs are now in the ground and I'm moving on to other fall chores. Fortunately we have a generous neighbor with lots of pine needles available to us for the raking.

I'll once again urge all of you to contribute your own daffodil biographies or even little stories from your own daffodil life. Even though we need to be physically distant, we can still take advantage of opportunities like this little newsletter not to be so socially distant.

Please everyone be safe these holidays. 2020 will be over soon.

--[Jim Wilson](#)

I think if I were living in a utopian world, then it wouldn't be political commentary; it would be about daffodils.

--Emily Haines

Regional Officers

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we will plan to conduct our regional elections by e-mail or regular mail. We need to choose a Regional Director to replace Dan Bellinger, and an RVP. I've enjoyed being your RVP the last two years—thanks to all who mentored and helped me along the way.

So far, our nominating committee representative, [Tom Stettner](#), has not been able to identify nominees for these positions. It is good to have officers for regional functions such as this newsletter, welcoming new members, helping to retain existing members, organizing meetings, and representing the region to ADS. Please think about who may have something to contribute in these areas, or even you yourself. Please share your thoughts with [Tom](#). We hope to present nominees in a future newsletter.

We still have no nominees. Please take this seriously so that we continue to have officers.

Midwest Regional Directors:

[Daniel Bellinger](#), 2021

[Tamara Mitman](#), 2022

[George McGowan](#), 2023

Update on John Reed

Via Suzy Wert

John Reed is in hospice care at South Bend Memorial Hospital.

On Oct 9, he fell and landed on his knees on that hard tile he has in his house. The paramedics persuaded him to go to a rehab facility for his knees, where he subsequently got infected with COVID. He was transferred to Memorial hospital in South Bend, got his blood oxygen levels up, semi-recovered from COVID, and went back to rehab.

This second time there, and this is recent, they screwed up his meds, and he got very, very sick with an alarmingly slow heart rate and other assorted and serious maladies having nothing to do with COVID, Parkinson's, or his knees. He was back at South Bend Memorial Hospital, COVID-free, and they expected him to be there for a couple of weeks getting straightened out.

As of Tuesday, November 21st, he was improving somewhat, and they were talking about discharging him back to the rehab center, but sometime Wednesday night, he started going downhill very quickly.

He is now in hospice care.

Welcome New Members

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ADS Fall Forum Midwest Highlights

ADS enjoyed a highly successful virtual Fall Forum, including program presentations by our Mary Lou Gripshover and Tom Stettner and session hostessing and ADS leadership by Fredrica Lawlor.

The photography contest was a great success, with [best-in-class ribbons](#) won by Mary Lou (2), Jeanne Lager (3), Tom, and Fredrica. First place youth winner was Olivia Rockey, and four other youth ribbons went to Jonah Hubert.

These and all the other excellent entries are available for viewing at the link above for the rest of November.