

Midwest Region Newsletter

January, 2021



From your RVP—

Welcome to our eleventh newsletter, short as always.

Happy New Year to all! 2021 brings us a fresh start.

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. Let's not let this opportunity to connect with each other get away.

--[Jim Wilson](#)

*She turned to the sunlight and shook her
yellow head, and whispered to her neighbor:
"Winter is dead."*

--A. A. Milne

Midwest Regional Directors:

[Daniel Bellinger](#), 2021

[Tamara Mitman](#), 2022

[George McGowan](#), 2023

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](#). Time is running out to avoid a gap in having a full set of regional officers. Continuing RDs are from Indiana and Ohio. It would be good to have one from Michigan or Kentucky.

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

If the current situation should unfortunately continue, please do share all your thoughts and concerns with our remaining regional directors.

Welcome New Member

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even more contagious forms of the virus have reached the US, and vaccination rollouts are proceeding slowly. Already more than a few daffodil growers in the region have tested positive. It would be irresponsible to hold a show in an area where community spread is rampant—we want as many of us as possible to be showing in 2022 and beyond.

Let's all try to stay safe and informed and make good decisions as the year progresses. Whether or not shows are possible, remember to take lots of pictures for photography contests.

Local Shows in 2021

Given the ongoing situation with Covid-19, our show season for 2021 remains uncertain. Show plans are listed in the event schedule in www.daffodilusa.org, but these should be considered tentative, and all members should check there and consult with their local clubs to be alert for cancellations, since final decisions will be made in the next couple of months.

Current listings are these:

Winchester, KY—April 3-5
Cincinnati, OH—April 10-11
Columbus, IN—April 16-17
Columbus, OH—April 18-19
Niles, MI (regional)—April 21-22

Further details and contact information can be seen by clicking on the event on the [page](#).

We would all like to return to having shows, to see both flowers and friends. Unfortunately, as of this date, new and

National Convention

Fred's notice about our 2021 convention is reprinted below.

As noted there, [Janet Hickman](#) will again be conducting auctions. She is interested in contributions for them, including collectible items such as books, artwork, jewelry, china, etc., as well as any daffodil bulbs. The auction information she needs is a short description of the flowers, and a photo and/or parentage information if it is not pictured in DaffSeek. Similarly, for daffodil collectibles she would like a photograph and description. She will be preparing the printed, PowerPoint, and eBay auction information in advance, so would appreciate your help receiving this information at your earliest convenience.



2021 Virtual National Convention News!

The American Daffodil Society (ADS) will ***Reach for the Stars in 2021*** with an exciting line-up of Speakers and Events at our first 2021 Virtual National Convention scheduled for multiple weekends from February 25 to May 1, 2021!



This is the time to embrace the Virtual World! Successful interactive participation, via ZOOM, in this virtual national convention is explained at the top of our [2021 Virtual National Convention page](#) on the ADS website. ***The ADS Virtual National Convention is open to anyone interested in learning about daffodils. Please consider yourself, and your gardening friends, cordially invited to this special event.***

Exciting Schedule of Activities!



The 2021 Virtual National Convention has an extensive line-up of Speakers from around the world, fabulous Events that include an online eBay Auction as well as two virtual LIVE Bulb Auctions, and a phenomenal Online Daffodil Photography Show where YOU have the opportunity to vote for your favorite Photograph in the Show. Please review our [Schedule of Activities](#) at your earliest convenience!

Registration is OPEN!



Please review the Registration policies and process explained in the [Convention Registration section](#) on the 2021 Virtual National Convention page. Then proceed to the [ADS WebStore](#) to select your registration components and render payment by *Credit Card, PayPal, or Check*. **Registration will remain open throughout the conference.**

Early bird registration is available until February 20. The fee is \$25 for members of the ADS and \$35 for non members. The registration fees will increase to \$35 for ADS members and \$45 for non members effective February 21. This conference is open to anyone interested in learning about daffodils. Consider registering for this superb opportunity to attend the ADS Virtual National Convention.

Online Daffodil Photography Show!



This Spring we celebrate daffodils by virtually sharing our photographs with daffodil friends and participating in the 2021 National Spring Convention Photography Show. **There is no fee to participate in the Photography Show, but photographers must register to participate.**

Rules and Classes for the 2021 National Spring Convention Photography Show as well as detailed instructions for uploading your photo entries for the Show will be available during the next couple of weeks. Please refer to [ADS Daffodil Photography Show section](#) of the 2021 Virtual National Convention page for more details. If you have questions about pre-registration please contact our Show Chair Jeanne Lager at photo_chair@daffodilusa.org. All entries need to be loaded and labeled properly on the Online [Daffodil Photography Show website](#).

For further details about the extensive 2021 ADS Virtual National Convention, please visit our [2021 Virtual National Convention page](#) on the ADS website, and take advantage of this splendid opportunity to "*Reach for the Stars*" in the virtual world of daffodils.

Cordially,
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