







High Desent DAFFODIL SOCIETY HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the High Desert Daffodil Society (HDDS) was held on Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the home of Susan and Ron Duncan in ArrowCreek. Ten of the founding members enjoyed a potluck lunch while getting to know other daffodil enthusiasts from ArrowCreek, Reno and Sparks. Some Reno, Dayton, Incline Village, Las Vegas and Winnemucca founding members were unable to attend this first meeting but were there in spirit.

Nancy Tackett, the President of the American Daffodil Society (ADS), gave a welcoming presentation and presented daffodil gift bags to the group. Sara Kinne, of the ADS Membership Committee, baked daffodil-imprinted cookies for the new HDDS members. We elected officers and reviewed and passed our mission statement and goals. We also worked on our bylaws as initial steps towards becoming a non-profit organization. The newly elected officers (for two-year terms) are Susan Duncan as President, Dan Williams as Vice President, Darcy Anderson as Secretary, and Leslie Dattel as Treasurer.

Eventually we will have our own shows

during our high desert daffodil bloom period (end of March-mid May), but right now we want to get organized, share ideas and have some fun!

The next HDDS meeting will be a joint potluck lunch with the High Desert Iris Society at 1 PM on April 25 at Susan and Ron Duncan's home. The Duncan daffodil garden will be self-toured before and after the meeting. New members are always welcome.

High Desert Daffodil Society Mission Statement

The Mission of the High Desert Daffodil Society is to be a nationally recognized non-profit association of individuals, organizations, companies, and /or universities dedicated to the encouragement of widespread interest in daffodils in the high desert region of the Western United States, and to research and provide education with respect to daffodil culture, breeding, preservation, diseases, pests, testing and exhibition.

There is no other daffodil society in Nevada. The American Daffodil Society had two members from Nevada before this local society started forming - one in Las Vegas and one in Reno. Susan Duncan, the Reno member, is a member of the Northern California Daffodil Society as well. She would have loved to show her daffodils to other "local" enthusiasts, but the Mediterranean climate California daffodil shows are held in March, and high desert climate daffodils are not in full bloom until April. Last year she showed some of her daffodils at the American Daffodil Society National Show and Convention held at the beginning of May in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She decided to get her gardening friends together to create a Nevada society.

To read more about the American Daffodil Society, go to daffodilusa.com

Remaining 2020 Daffodil Shows

March 12 -15 - American Daffodil Society National Show & Convention Dallas, TX

March 27 - 29 - ADS Pacific Regional Show & 45th Annual Daffodil Show Fortuna, CA

September 17 - 21 - World Daffodil Convention, Canberra Australia; Pre-tours to Tasmania & Victoria; Post-tour in South Island New Zealand and the South Island National Show