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DISPLAY GARDEN IN ARROWCREEK

The American Daffodil Society (ADS) approved Display Garden status to an ArrowCreek garden during its Fall Board Meeting last September. The Display Garden Program was established to display a wide variety of daffodils to the public. The program's purpose is to educate visitors about how daffodils can be used effectively in the landscape. In an approved ADS Display Garden, visitors may view many daffodil varieties that are labeled and grow in a well-maintained garden setting.

Certain criteria must be met to obtain and retain official display garden status. Display Gardens may be public or private. Display Gardens at large public gardens are strongly encouraged to provide for a display of all winners of the Wister Award (for outstanding garden daffodils) and the Pannill Award (for outstanding exhibition daffodils) as suited to the local climate. Display Gardens should strive for a collection of no less than 100 varieties. Large collections should include as many of the 13 Royal Horticulture Society (RHS) daffodil divisions (classifications) as are easily grown for the climate. (The RHS was originally chartered in 1809 in the United Kingdom and is the guiding light for many world-wide gardening societies. The ADS was founded in 1954.) Display Gardens should ideally provide a balanced display of species (wild daffodils), historic daffodils and commercially available popular garden and show cultivars.

The Owls Roost Private Display Garden here in ArrowCreek is one of only two Private Display Gardens west of the Mississippi River. The other one is in Arkansas. Of the twenty-seven gardens in the ADS Display Garden Program, 7 are west of the Mississippi River, 4 are in the

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*Full Street View in 2020
There are many more planted for 2021*



Apricot Whirl and Sunny Girlfriend



Historic Daffodil Feu de Joie



Henriette Marie



Heamoor, Greengarden, Joyce Spirit, Kiss Me, and Precocious are some of the cultivars in the Big Rock Bed near the street



Goblet





Merlin



Ringtone



Spin Doctor



The Royalty Bed contains daffodils such as Queen's Day, Roayl Princess, Cornish King, and Peach Prince



Street Mound with Brook Ager, White Lion, Thalia and Pride of Lions



Street View in late April 2020



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Pacific Region of the ADS and only 1 is in Nevada – The Owls
Roost Gardens.

The Owls Roost Private Display Garden here in ArrowCreek is the
result of years of Susan Duncan's planning and hard work. Ron
and Susan bought their 2.2-acre lot in 2000 and built their home
in 2003. In accordance with homeowner association guidelines,
more than 40% of the acreage remains native high desert. The
landscaped portion is a combination of desert native plants and
arid-land tolerant perennial and annual specimens. Fire-resistant
gardening does not have to be ugly. Susan has planted over 9,000
daffodil bulbs for a display of 868 unique varieties. Daffodils are
not only deer and rodent resistant but also only require winter
and spring snows/rains without any summer irrigation. They are a
perfect pop of color for a high desert garden.

Even though the Owls Roost is not a large public garden, several
separate beds display special daffodil groupings together: the
Wister Bed for the Wister winners, the Pannill Bed for the Pannill
winners, the Classics Bed for daffodils registered with the RHS
in England between 1940 and 1969, inclusive, and the Historic
Bed for daffodils registered with RHS or known to be in gardens
prior to 1940. Many Species (the wild daffodils) are in a bed
on the edge between the landscaped and the high-desert native

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portions of the property. There is a Division Bed to display all 13 divisions of daffodils next to each other. The samples chosen for this bed show various blooming times and colorings of petals and cups of the daffodil within each division. There are beds to display sizing differences: Intermediates, Miniatures and Tall. Other beds have fun with groupings based on the names of the flowers, such as Love, Spirit Circle, Foreign Travel, and Magical Desert.

Owls Roost Gardens have other flowers as well. Helleborus varieties bloom late winter through mid-spring. Fritillaria, bleeding heart and columbines bloom in shady spots in mid-spring, toward the end of peak daffodil season. Over 540 irises and many daylilies bloom after the daffodils are done. These flowers are deer and rodent resistant. They are

doing fine in our high desert environment. More water-needy roses dominate the summer months - at least as much as they can before the deer eat the blossoms. Lavender, rudbeckia and butterfly bushes are summer blooming as well. Several rose of sharon (hibiscus) varieties bloom late summer to early fall but the ones on the deer trail stay pruned to the size they were when originally planted back

in 2004 thanks to deer and rabbits snacking on them – even though many gardening sources claim they are not tasty.

Drive or walk down to the end cul-de-sac of Nambe Drive to view the Owls Roost Gardens. Best viewing time of year is usually mid-April through June. Go to daffodilusa.org for more information on the American Daffodil Society or about daffodils.



Garden Display Sign