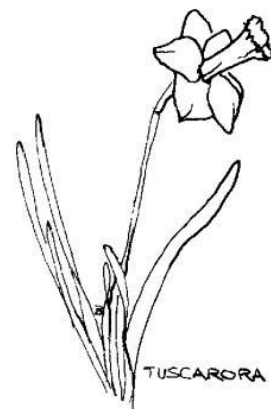


## THE TUSCARORA TRUMPET SPRING 2022



### Message from the President:



When the snowdrops are blooming, we know that the daffodils will not be far behind.

To the left is snowdrop "Lady Beatrix Stanley".

The first daffodils called "Rijnveld's Early Sensation" have started blooming, shown here with winter aconite.

Pronounced (Rye-nolds) we tend to call it RES as it is much easier to say. They are sometimes taken out by late winter storms

being the first to bloom often in early January, but this year they are just opening now in late February which might be a good sign for the blooms we need for our late April 29<sup>th</sup> show. (See Richard Ezell's hope for a late season in article that follows).



It's time to get back together for our spring meeting. It will be on **Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00pm** at the home of **Nancy Redington**, who has hosted our meetings many times. (Directions to follow). Please bring something to eat or drink to share with everyone.

We will have a very special program by **Matt Duddy from Stonehouse Daffodils,**

**Volant PA** who is also the developer of [daffodils.com](http://daffodils.com). His program is called

"A New Golden Age in Daffodils" (more to follow).



We will also be discussing the upcoming **American Daffodil Society 2022 National Convention Gettysburg, PA April 28-May 1<sup>st</sup>**. This is going to be a special event for The Tuscarora Daffodil Group as the hosts of the show. It's a great chance to meet daffodil people from all over the country and even the world!

How to keep your daffodils for this show is an important topic we will discuss since the show date is the end of April. We have been through this before in 2012, but it wasn't the National Show. We can talk about ways to store your flowers and how to enter them in the show.

I look forward to seeing everyone and can't wait to see your smiles.

Mitch Carney

TDG President

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**Directions to Nancy Redington's House:**  
**347 Leedy Way, Chambersburg, PA 17201**  
**Phone: 717 264 6488**

From West, South and North Chambersburg,

From the crossroads of I-81 and Route 30 (Lincoln Way-Exit 16)

Proceed East towards Gettysburg, approximately 2.5 miles. After passing the Sheetz (on the left) and Franklin Shopping Center (on the right) you will go through three more traffic lights. The third light being Wal-Mart (on the right). Get into the left lane in order to turn left (north) at the next traffic light at St. John's Drive and Garman Drive. There is a U-Haul on the left at this light.

**\*\*Proceed around the s curve on St. John's Drive and at the stop sign the street name will change to Leedy Way East. Her house, on the right is a 2 story white colonial set back 120 feet from the street.**

Driving from the East: Proceed West on Route 30 through Fayetteville. After passing the Lincoln Lanes Bowling Alley and Snively's Garden Corner area, the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light is the St. John's and Garman Drive turn. At this light turn right (north) and follow directions from \*\* above.

**Minutes of the Fall Tuscarora Daffodil Group at the home and garden of Grace Ann Bender.**

Mitch opened the meeting at 1455.

He thanked Grace Ann Bender for hosting the last two fall meetings in 2019 and 2021

There were 28 members present along with 3 new members.

Other statements of gratitude were made to Mary and Robert Darling for their summer picnic, Clay and Fran Higgins for their generous donation of daffodils for the bulb exchange

Treasurer Report approved.

Special Guests and **new Tuscarora members** VDS President **Nancy Fuchs** and **Carla Stanley** from Gloucester, Virginia and **Iris Vowell** from Cumberland MD were welcomed.

Mitch noted that special daffodil bulbs that were late bloomers were being offered for sale by the group. They are Sir Winston Churchill, Tripartite and N. poeticus recurvus.

Mitch reported that for the Convention, he would be bringing 100 pots of late blooming daffodils. The profit from these pots would go to the TDG.

Mitch noted that to encourage late bloom, plant your bulbs later in the season up to mid or late Dec. After that date considering putting bulbs in pots.

Report on The 2022 ADS National Convention, Gettysburg, PA

The Convention Theme is Long Remember . . .

Mary Darling and Richard Ezell are cochairs of the event. The dates are April 27<sup>th</sup>(Judges School One), 28<sup>th</sup> (entries for horticulture, photography and design begin), 29<sup>th</sup> (Entries close in morning, Show opens to public 2-6pm), 30<sup>th</sup> (Show open to public 9-5PM) and May 1 (Last day of convention)

Programs include Elise Havens which is a special sign up for the Hybridizer's breakfast on Saturday morning.

**Richard, Mary and Mitch are welcoming volunteers to help with the show!**

The schedules for the convention are at [www.daffodilusa.com](http://www.daffodilusa.com)

Friday, during the judging, there is an optional tour to the Shiver House Museum and Farnsworth House where lunch will be served reminiscent of the era.

**The Convention Show will have a special class called The Bender Collection consisting of 5 different stems of seedlings or named cultivars of Dr. William Bender's. Winners will receive a special prize.**

Saturday speakers, and a Bus Tour to the Gettysburg Battle Field and lunch, Bulb Auction, And show take down after dinner banquet.

Sunday speakers, Bus Garden Tour around the orchards and Redington's garden. Garden Party and Hat contest at the Darling's. Dinner and final speaker.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Redington, TDG Secretary

## **Hoping for a Late Spring**

### **By Richard Ezell**

Yeh, we're all getting a little tired of the ups and downs and back and forths of February, often called the longest month of the year. Of course, the month has brought us Snowdrops and Winter Aconites and maybe a few early Crocus. Kate and Mitch have even seen a few sheltered and super-early daffodil buds struggle to open.

But none of this is SPRING . . . so why would any of us hope for a late one? Here's the reason: our Tuscarora Group has been honored by the American Daffodil Society with hosting the Society's 2022 National Convention. First time ever, and unlikely to happen again during the lifetimes of many of us. And the best—earliest-date we could get a hotel large enough to put us up is the last weekend of April . . . just about two weeks past the prime time for our daffodils.

But we despair not: we expect to see hundreds of lovely blooms from all over the Northeast, much of the Mid-West, and perhaps from England, Ireland, and maybe Holland. Closer to home, and in warmer areas of the country, true daffodil aficionados are drinking up all their beer and white wine to leave lots of room in their refrigerators in order to preserve beautiful show blooms for several weeks and a trip to Gettysburg.

For those of you who are ADS members there is still time to sign up for the whole event, April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Yes, it is expensive, but you won't have to pay the airfare to Atlanta, Georgia, where next year's Convention will be held. (And besides ours'll be better.)

At any rate the two-day show Friday and Saturday is free to all, both to enter your flowers or just to admire those from all over. And you may freely enter your photographs and even artistic designs that you assemble. Contact Nancy Redington well in advance of late April to reserve a spot for your design, and Robert Darling is planning a huge array of photos, but there'll be room for yours. Just let him know ahead of time. (At least an early Spring should give you time to take lots of shots of the beauty around you.)

For more information feel free to call Richard Ezell (me) at 717-885 3123, or to see all about it just click on the ADS website at <https://daffodilusa.org> and click on the Convention page in the top right corner.





**Chris Harley**, from **Colorblends** and **Qdaffs**, took this photo of historic daffodils in Gettysburg National Park, the monument in background is for the Army of Virginia.

Chris will be at the convention as a vendor.

**Colorblends** gave this convention 500 daffodil bulbs that were planted outside the host hotel this past fall to be blooming for the show this spring.

Visit the websites: QDaff USA is [www.qdaffs.us](http://www.qdaffs.us)

Colorblends is [www.colorblends.com](http://www.colorblends.com)

Thank you so very much!



### More Convention News:

With the Convention honoring our own group founder Dr. Bill Bender, fellow member **Anne Wood** used her Covid down time to write a book on his life!

Anne Wood on Dr Bender:

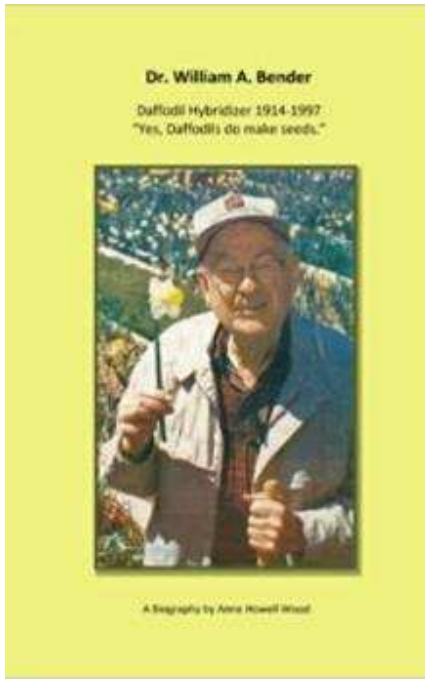
Dr. William A. Bender, a descendant of Conrad Weiser (1696-1760), was a general practice physician in the town of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where he was born. As he was growing up, his job at home was to care for the yard and flowers on his parent's farm under his mother's tutelage. As an adult he became interested in daffodils at the encouragement of his sister-in-law, Alma Bender, who was a member of the Chambersburg Garden Club.

She was a daffodil grower and shower who won many awards. Once he started growing and showing daffodils, he too won many awards. When he started hybridizing daffodils, he began to only show daffodils that he had grown from seed. The book tells his story starting at birth, as a student, as a husband, as a father, as an Army captain in WWII, then as a member of the American Daffodil Society (ADS), as president of the society for two terms, as a researcher for articles he published in the ADS Journal, as a daffodil hybridizer of note, and as a friend to many other daffodil lovers all around the world whom he met through the ADS—all while answering the call as a general practitioner.

To get your own copy of her book please visit [AmazonSmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/Dr-William-Bender-Hybridizer-1914-1997/dp/B09RWKG1QV/ref=sr_1_1?crid=EQYJLJ67SDMU&keywords=anne+wood+dr+william&qid=1645909394&srefix=anne+wood+dr.+%2Caps%2C115&sr=8-1) and type in Anne Wood Dr. William Bender and it should come up so you can order your copy. The selling price is \$22.50. I am sure Anne will be happy to sign your copy.

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I purchased one and have to give it rave reviews! There are some wonderful photos and one of my favorites is of Nancy Redington and her son Jim as a child (he is very much an adult now!) They are sorting daffodil bulbs donated by Dr. Bender for the garden club to plant and beautify our area.





### **Lands End and the Convention Logo**

<https://business.landsend.com/store/ads>

The store should be open by March 10<sup>th</sup> using this URL you can see all the items that can be purchased with our logo so you can also Long Remember!

Pictured is the embroidered version of our convention logo. Mary Darling is handling this set up with Lands End. Thanks Mary!

### **Special Bender Entries You Can Enter at The Convention**

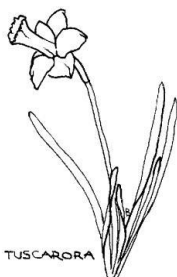
**In Horticulture: G46 The Bender Collection** (see highlighted in Nancy's Fall Minutes). Prize will be jar of Bender Farm Honey by Grace Anne Bender's bees.

**In Photography: P-2a** Daffodils introduced between 1972-1974; the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. Bender as ADS President. Check *Daffseek.org* for flowers you grow registered in those years. Take a beautiful portrait.

**P-2b** Bender Births: Daffodils hybridized by Dr. Bender

### **In Design: Class 7. Long Remember. . .Himself. Dr. B**

**A modern stretch arrangement** honoring the dual role he had at home in Chambersburg and to the daffodil world. A great family Doctor and a great Hybridizer of Daffodils for the world. See schedule for rules and register with Nancy Redington, [rosered1@comcast.net](mailto:rosered1@comcast.net) 717 264 6488



### **MEMBERSHIP FORM for the TUSCARORA DAFFODIL GROUP**

Annual membership dues are \$10.00 for an individual or 3 years for \$25.

*With membership you receive the Tuscarora Newsletter (two annually), opportunity for showing your daffodils in special sections of the spring daffodil show. Furthermore, you provide financial support to one of the oldest daffodil groups in the country!*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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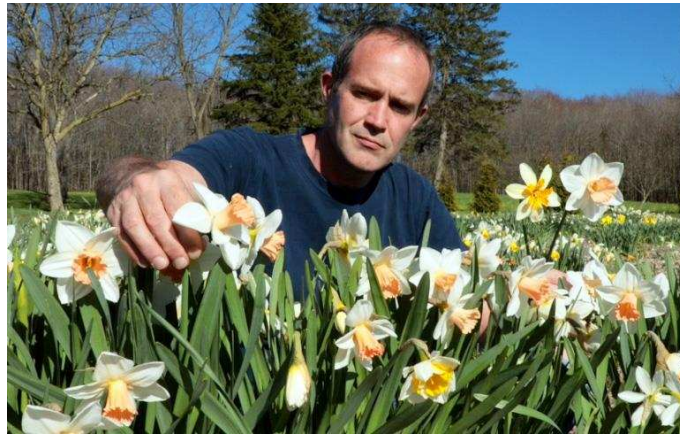
Please send this completed form along with your check payable to the Tuscarora Daffodil Group to: Dr. Curtis Aumiller, 5 Brentwood Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011  
Phone 717-991-9793 Email: [caumiller1@verizon.net](mailto:caumiller1@verizon.net)



**Our Guest Speaker at the Spring Meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM  
Is Matt Duddy, Owner of Stonehouse Daffodils in Volant PA**

# A NEW GOLDEN ERA

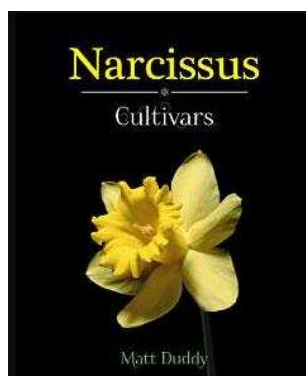
by Matt Duddy



The late 1800s and early 1900s were an exciting time for daffodils. A hybridization craze was well underway, and thousands of new cultivars were introduced. We may think of it as the golden era.

In our time, interest in narcissus has been lost by younger generations, and a number of specialty providers are out of business. It is therefore incumbent upon us to begin the revival, and a great opportunity awaits.

A Millennial craze is underway, which pertains to gardening generally. Of particular interest are rare plants, and we have suggestions! We shall discuss ways of reaching this new audience, and how to generate fresh excitement. Our objective is to begin a new golden era in daffodils.



Matt has also written an eBook which is available for download on Google Play, the book can be viewed on your PC, Android and IOS devices.

"Take a tour of daffodils, a wonderland of yellow thrills".

Matt will be a vendor at the convention. Visit his website at [www.daffodils.com](http://www.daffodils.com) An easy one to remember!